

**ACTION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 27, 2016
DELRAN, NJ**

Sunshine Statement: Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on August 29, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone were present. Mrs. Kolodi was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, Mr. Winckowski, Engineer, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-164**

**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
OF SOLID WASTE TO REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,294,464.00 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS**

Mr. Schwartz reported that at the last meeting he stated he didn't really have strong feelings on this issue but over the last few weeks, he received some feedback from residents on both sides of the issue. He would like to open this up for discussion. Mr. Schwartz stated that one of the reasons he was leaning towards automated collection was the potential to save money on landfill fees; however, a few concerns have come up from talking to the residents. One concern with automated collection was that there was no one at the street to refuse collection for items that do not belong in the containers. This could add additional costs in land fill fees and potential fines. We have had an issue with televisions that we have not been able to get a handle.

Mr. Catrambone stated that residents can still place items such as sofas and other large items at the curb and it will be picked up in the same manner. The reason he was in favor of moving to automated collection was that there is a significant savings.

Ms. Pangia stated that the savings is \$17,000 per year. Ms. Pangia questioned the cost to our residents for an additional container.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the estimated cost for an additional container is \$70-\$80 but we don't have a contract yet so we don't have that information.

Ms. Pangia stated that the amount would be created by the contractor.

Mr. Hatcher stated that one can holds what three regular cans can hold.

Ms. Pangia stated that most residents have two recycling cans and will now have to purchase an additional trash can.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that on her street 99% of the residents have one recycling can and put one or two trash cans.

Ms. Pangia stated that there is also the concern that the cans will be jammed with items that can't be collected. For one dollar savings to each resident, they will have the expense of purchasing another trash can.

Mr. Schwartz stated that if we make the switch to automated collection it will make enforcement very easy because if it doesn't fit in the can it won't be collected.

Mrs. Kolodi asked if Mr. Hatcher has any information from other towns that have made the switch to automated collection.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have had no negative information. Most towns have seen an increase in recycling and a decrease in tipping fees at the landfill. Voorhees, Cherry Hill and Winslow have all made the switch and Medford has had automated collection for over twenty years.

Mr. Schwartz stated that this only affects single family homes and townhouses. Condos will continue the same collection process.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that this may ultimately be a more efficient process.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the way the specifications were written it stated that automated collection will begin January 1st in order to us to educate the residents and to give time to the contractor.

Mr. O'Connell stated that the feedback he received from a few of his neighbors was that liked the idea. Some that use two or three cans would only have to put one out.

Mr. Schwartz asked what the difference is in the savings between the three and five year options.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it is approximately \$20,000 over three years. If we do not move to automation, we are looking at an \$87,000 increase each year over the prior contract. With automation the increase is approximately \$71,000 each year.

Ms. Pangia stated that so either way it is an increase and not a savings.

Mr. Catrambone stated that if we move to automated collection, there is less of an increase.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that she feels we would be better with a five year contract.

Mr. Hatcher stated that if Council is leaning towards automation, the better deal is the five year contract.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to open the meeting to the public for comments. All were in favor, motion approved.

Linda Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that with her household it does not really matter. What she doesn't think they understand is that with bulk items, residents are going to have to call Republic to have them pick up. Also, televisions, computers and other items are going to be placed in that container and the Township will be charged for those items and could possibly face fines.

Mr. Catrambone stated that they people that are doing that could do that now.

Mr. Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that the Township will be charged for any tires that make it to the landfill. That could also happen with other items such as electronics.

Ms. Pangia asked if we have any clue what have fines could be if that happens.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have not heard any municipalities having an issue with fines. Mr. Hatcher stated that Delran has never been fined by the landfill.

Ms. Pangia asked if we could hold off two weeks and find out what kind of fees we are looking at.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the contract is expiring at the end of the month. Many towns have made the switch to automation and they are not experiencing fines from the landfill.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that we can educate the residents on what will be collected. She feels that we should give the residents a chance.

Ms. Pangia questioned how much electronic waste we have collected behind the old Sam's Club. Ms. Pangia stated that will all end up in the trash.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we are not giving each resident a dumpster. You could fit a small television in a regular trash can.

Ms. Pangia stated that you have someone on the street picking up the trash and if there is something heavy, they will open the bag.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we will always have issues but most residents will do the right thing.

Mrs. Gilbert stated that all the neighbors she talked to do not want the automation. This has not been brought to the public to discuss.

Ms. Pangia stated that she also talked to a lot of residents this weekend that do not want this.

Mike Piper, 812 Edgewood Avenue, stated that no one mentioned bulk pickup and there was a question as to how that will be handled.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it will be collected the same as it is collected now on regular trash day.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-164

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye. Ms. Pangia and Mr. Schwartz voted nay.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 2

Motion Approved

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-165**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-165

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

At this time, Council proceeded with the regularly scheduled work session.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk