

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
SUBJECT: RECYCLING BILL, ACT 101
OCTOBER 4, 1988**

This special meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Grunmeier.

Members present: Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman
Betty J. Kelly, Vice Chairperson
William H. Bennett, Supervisor

Others present: James H. Singley, Township Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary

Refuse Company
Representatives: Chuck Oyler, O'Hara Sanitation
Samuel Augustine, J.P. Mascaro & Sons
Richard L. Godshall, Alderfer & Frank
Newton Condict, Weidner Disposal Co.

Introduction of officials and staff was made by Chairman Grunmeier. Mr. Singley explained that the Supervisors have called this special meeting in order to discuss Act 101 (previously Senate Bill 528), "Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act", to insure long term viability of waste management in Pennsylvania and for the counties to insure adequate disposal of waste management. The counties would be empowered to place various waste facilities where they feel they are needed; i.e., landfills, trash transfer and resource recovery, incinerators, etc. in order to find a viable place to dispose of solid waste. Hilltown (through this Act) must insure what is generated within its boundaries; the Township may adopt ordinances to dispose of solid waste generated and make annual reports to the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has stated that the Township must be responsible for three out of nine recyclables, in addition to leaf and grass disposal. Hilltown Township, being a Phase 2 community (1980 census = 9300; 1987 projected by BCPC = 10,818), would have to adopt a recycling program within two years of radification of this bill. Surcharge of \$2.00/Ton must be passed on to consumer by the waste company for the recycling. The Commonwealth has set up a separate department in conjunction with DER to overlook the waste management program.

Chairman Grunmeier stated that letters were sent to all licensed refuse companies within the Township, requesting that they attend this meeting. Mr. Grunmeier asked for comments from the refuse company representatives.

1. Sam Augustine, Regional Manager, J.P. Mascaro Co., Harleysville - Mr. Augustine stated that his company services approximately 100,000 homes through municipal contract from Montgomery County to Scranton. He recommended that the township look at the overall collection, and suggested that a comprehensive collection (curb side), township wide, bid under a long term contract, be considered. Mr. Augustine recommended that the Township state how many times a week the township would have trash collection and alternately, recycling collection; and also stipulate what materials would be recycled. Chairman Grunmeier asked if J.P. Mascaro operates a recycling facility at this time; Mr. Augustine stated that they have not yet started to recycle materials from communities; however, by the beginning of the new year recycling will come into being. (J.P. Mascaro has a trash transfer station in Souderton and another in Allentown which has started to recycle cardboard.) Chairman Grunmeier stated that Hilltown Township has 27 sq. miles spread out, western part is developed, eastern part is rural, with five companies servicing the entire Township. Mr. Augustine stated that there would not be a savings in recycling; this bill only addresses the fact that it will save landfill space.

2. Chuck Oyler, Recycling Coordinator, O'Hara Sanitation Mr. Oyler stated that O'Hara is committed to the recycling effort under Act 101. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Augustine in recommending that a contract be bid out for solid waste collection and disposal; and that items chosen for recycling must be marketable. Mr. Oyler suggested the following items for recycling: newspaper, aluminum cans, and glass (clear and colored). Mr. Bennett remarked that everyone will most probably choose the same three items; Mr. Oyler stated that this would have to be ordained by ordinance. He further indicated that the recycling program should be kept simple in order to insure resident's cooperation, and that "co-mingling" would be an easier method for residents, however, the recycling center would need to have a processing center to separate the items.

3. Richard Godshall, General Manager, Alderfer & Frank Mr. Godshall stated that his company currently operates a transfer station within Hilltown Township. He stated he would like to explore leaving collection in the private hauler's hands and suggested that, perhaps an ordinance could be adopted which would mandate residents to recycle three items; and that the licensed haulers could meet to discuss feasibility of working together and which three items could be collected; determine days of collection, etc. Mr. Godshall stated that residents would need to be re-educated on handling of trash and to work together with the haulers. He further suggested that the Bucks County Recycling facility could be utilized by trucking the recyclables to that location; and that residents could be given a packet distributed by DER which describes hazardous wastes and guides for recycling.

In answer to Mr. Bennett's question regarding amount of trash generated; Mr. Augustine replied that this is usually determined by population.

4. Mr. Newton Condict, Owner of Weidner Disposal Company Mr. Condict agreed with Mr. Godshall and stated that he believes competition is good. Mr. Condict stated that only a few haulers could handle township wide comprehensive collection.

Chairman Grunmeier stated that he would like to see the haulers get together to discuss this and determine if they can agree on a viable plan, so that the small hauler does not get "squeezed". The Board agreed to this suggestion. Mr. Augustine argued that a comprehensive bid will save money. Mr. Grunmeier again stated that he would like to afford all haulers within the Township the opportunity to come up with a viable plan; however, if the Board is not satisfied with that plan, they would have the option of choosing an alternate method.

In answer to Mr. Godshall's question, Mr. Singley advised that he must submit an annual report, listing weight and volume of materials collected each year. Mr. Bennett indicated that the Historical Society and fire companies currently collect recyclable glass and newspapers. Mr. Augustine indicated that those companies would have to maintain a record of items collected and submit same to the Township to be included with the annual report.

Mr. John Gerner, a resident of Perkasio, stated that the main incentive to residents for recycling in Perkasio Borough is money. He stated that bags are purchased by size; and that recyclables are dropped off at the collection points. There followed discussion regarding cost of trash collection. Mr. Gerner indicated that there is a problem with larger items; i.e., refrigerators, etc., and that a "tag" method has been discussed to handle larger items. Mr. Bennett expressed concern over dumping of these larger appliances along the roadside. Chairman Grunmeier stated that there is also a problem with disposal of used batteries; Mrs. Kelly remarked on the problem of disposing of used tires. There followed discussion regarding disposal of these items and dangers of dumping refrigerators, etc. Mr. Augustine suggested that letters be written to state representatives asking that action be taken on these issues.

Chairman Grunmeier asked the four refuse companies present at this meeting, if they would be agreeable to meeting for a discussion of a possible solution. Alderfer & Frank, O'Hara, and Weidner representatives indicated they would be interested in meeting. Mr. Augustine stated that J.P. Mascaro currently collects trash only from businesses in Hilltown Township, not private residences.

Mr. Godshall, Alderfer & Frank, stated that (after seeking legal counsel) he would be willing to set up a meeting with the interested haulers to discuss recycling pick-up, what items could be recycled, and to explore possibility of purchasing a recycling wagon which could be distributed among the haulers. Mr. Singley indicated that he would be willing to sit in on this meeting as an observer only. Mr. Gerner suggested that the recycling wagon could be purchased with grant money (as Perkasio Borough). Mr. Singley will submit a list of licensed refuse haulers to Mr. Godshall. (Note: Raymond G. Mitchell Company will be contacted to determine status of their township license and their interest in attending this meeting.)

Other Business: The Board agreed to conduct their semi-annual road inspection on Saturday, October 29, 1988 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mrs. Kelly at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary