

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

October 12, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Michele Nestor, Brenda Schmidt, Beth Chappel, Paul Martin, Cindy Andrews, Keith Abbott, Kathy Boss, Jack Boss, Penni Dallas, Sandy McKinnis, Ed McKinney, Ginnie Steiger, Joe Belknap, Jeannette Franz, Stephanie Franz, Tim Hunter, Brian Mummert, Carol Easton, Martha Riddle, Paul Burnett, Edward DeVore, Margaret Wasson, Barry Porter, Eric Henry, Patty Peterson, Tom Peterson, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Mandatory Township Garbage Service was discussed as Michele Nestor provided a general overview of the topic before taking questions. She had recently provided a draft contract to the Supervisors but requested additional clarification on the language to be included. This meeting was readvertised to start earlier to accommodate additional input from residents before consideration to move forward or not at this time. Numerous residents were in attendance to voice their support or opposition to this issue. An updated Petition against Mandatory Garbage Service was provided to the Supervisors by Edward McKinney. Margaret Wasson questioned why we would want to get rid of competition and a free market. Brian Mummert questioned recycling wording in the contract. Joe Belknap noted the cost savings that could be available under a township wide contract. Eric Henry discussed burning issues and questioned each of the Supervisors reasons for looking into this issue. Bovard noted only 30% have service, dumping that is occurring and believes it is the responsible thing to do. Shartle noted recycling grant funds and potential pricing, service and better roads. Jordan stated less truck traffic on roads and savings on clean up day costs. Ed DeVore stated forcing this issue on residents is tyranny. Stephanie Frantz questioned vacant properties, landlords and who would be responsible to have and pay for service. Barry Porter questioned what happens to those who don't pay their bills and what costs, responsibilities or enforcement would fall back on the Township. Tim Hunter believes this penalizes those who do things correctly. Kathy Boss questioned the time frame and next steps. Michele Nestor noted the draft contract wording that controls the hauler as well as the ordinance wording needs to be finalized and then the contract needs to be put out to bid to get prices from the haulers. These documents will be worked on and discussed further by the Board.

The Board did not review the items on the 7:00 meeting agenda.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary