

MINUTES OF LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
June 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:00A.M. by Town Chairman Mike Matushak.

Present: Town Chairman Mike Matushak

Members: Scott Voigt, Larry Wenning, Jerry Lokemoen, Rodney Gutenberger and Secretary Kay Tautges.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling:

Secretary Tautges reported that the Town of Scott billed household residential units for curb-side pick up. The Chairman drove through the township and crossed off the list those addresses that were not residential or were just a barn or cabin. The Town of Corning supervisors drove through their township also to determine where residential properties are. Only these properties were billed for curbside garbage/recycle pick-up. The Town of Bradley does not have curbside pick-up.

At the March meeting, Todd Anderson, Town of Merrill Assessor informed the Board that we have 1,385 residential units. However, residential parcels do not all have people who are living at the location. For example, parcels with only a garage are classified as residential.

Secretary Tautges informed the committee that currently, the township has 569 households who contract with Baumgart for curbside pick-up service and 200 households who contract with Advance Disposal for curbside pick-up service.

Supervisor Simon did contact Jim Whittinghill to request copies of existing contracts Eagle Waste has with townships. An example copy of contract was given to each committee member. Initial estimated cost per household would likely be in the range of \$14.00 - \$16.00 per month. This number is dependent upon determining the total number of household residences in the township.

The committee feels that it is time for the board to have a brief re-cap of information and then decide to approve/disapprove having the LRPC go forward to gather specific information regarding curb-side garbage/recycling pick up.

If the LRPC is directed to go forward, the first thing which needs to be done is determining the number of household residences. A decision will need to be made as to how this number is going to be counted. Other questions cannot be answered until we know how many household residences the town has.

Chairman Matushak asked committee members to think about what questions need to be answered before moving forward into the next phase of planning. A list can then be compiled at the July meeting.

Chairman Matushak did not speak to the DNR regarding the legality of burning garbage but will do so before the next meeting.

Chairman Matushak reported that fire contract negotiations are on-going with the City of Merrill .

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR JULY 8, 2020.

Chairman adjourned meeting at 10:18 A.M.

Kay Tautges, Secretary