

MINUTES OF LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
July 8, 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:

Chairman Matushak asked members to prepare a summary of work completed/information gathered to present to the Board at the next town meeting.

The Committee Members will present the following information at the July 13th meeting.

I. Why bring this to the board at this time?

- A. The State of Wisconsin Mandate**
- B. Improve/increase resident recycling participation**
- C. Provide garbage/recycling service to tax payers at a lower potential cost**
- D. Current town recycling costs come out of general budget and are increasing**
 - 1. Options include**
 - a. Taxpayers pay for cost of drop-off recycling
 - b. Contract for garbage/recycling service & bill taxpayers
- E. DNR considers burning garbage as a violation**

II. What issues are we dealing with?

- A. How to distribute cost?**
 - 1. Divide total cost by each tax bill**
 - 2. Divide total cost by each residential and/or business in township**

*businesses make arrangements for additional dumpsters if needed

B. Timing is important because initial contract cost has to be paid for

1. The earliest recommended start is January 2022

2. Everyone would be included with no exceptions for “opting out”

III. The Board needs to decide if they want the LRPC to continue work on curb side pick-up service

IV. If we move forward how does the Board want us to move forward?

A. Referendum (Draft of question to go on ballot needs to be ready for the County by August 25, 2020.)

B. Board makes decision

Scott Voigt will present information to the board. Rodney Gutenberger & Larry Wenning plan on being at the board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Chairman adjourned meeting at 10:05 A.M.

Kay Tautges, Secretary