

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p><b><u>Special Meeting- Recycling with Sarah Archer-Barry County Recycling</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Friday, May 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yankee Springs Township Hall - 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>DRAFT MINUTES</b> Spec. Mtg. of Board of Trustees on <u>Recycling</u> Page 1 of 2</p>
<p>Meeting called to order by A. Jansma at approximately 12:05 p.m.</p> <p>At 12:15 p.m. Supervisor Mark Englerth entered meeting with lunch for meeting attendees.</p> <p><b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b> waived</p> <p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> Jansma, Englerth, Knowles.</p> <p><b><u>Absent with Notice:</u></b> J. Lippert, S. VandenBerg.</p> <p><b><u>Also present:</u></b> Sarah Archer of Barry County Recycling</p> <p><b><u>Staff Present:</u></b> Sandy Marcukaitis, Marge VanderMeyden, Frank Fiala.</p> <p><b><u>Visitors:</u></b> (1) Mrs. J. Fiala</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>Printing 5/23/2019</i></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>Beukema</i></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>Udberg</i></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>Ermaid</i></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>Uls</i></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><i>Gunder</i></p>
<p><b><u>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</u></b></p> <p>Discussion of Recycling efforts of our Township.</p> <p>Discussion began by briefly reviewing “<u>Recycling Program Model – Shared Services</u>” which is page 7 of the Report by Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc. – Barry County Materials Management Programs and Services 2018. Table 2 on this page shows the “Costs of Various Municipal Recycling Programs in Barry County”. Recycling efforts of other townships in the county were discussed.</p> <p>Fiala referred to a two year project with Sarah Archer functioning as a recycling coordinator county-wide putting together a report of data she’s gathered. Fiala noted the question stemming from the report is “How do we move forward and how do we get more cooperation and recycling?” Fiala mentioned a need for subsidizing recycling efforts.</p> <p>At today’s meeting, Fiala commented that he’d like to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking for ways to get more recycling for the same money (or possibly less money).</li> <li>• Local governments collaborating or working together in a joint effort.</li> <li>• With whatever efforts are being done, doing them effectively and efficiently as possible.</li> </ul> <p>Fiala commented that Sarah Archer’s contract ends in June (2019), and while she is available he’d like to get her thoughts and ideas. S. Archer, who resides in Saginaw, was present at the County Oversight Committee meeting this morning, and it was convenient for her to come to the township afterwards. (Reason for short notice of meeting).</p> <p>Other governments’ “franchising/getting bids” for waste hauling was noted. Density of residents and the amount of seasonal residents in our township was noted as well.</p> <p>Transfer stations were mentioned. Orangeville Township has a transfer station which is open two days a week. Garbage and recycling can be brought in by residents who will have their IDs checked. Surveillance cameras and gates are used when the station is closed. The transfer station is behind the Orangeville Township Hall.</p>	

*Continued Discussion:*  
**RECYCLING**

M. Englerth joined the meeting at approximately 12:15 with pizza for meeting attendees. Right (correct) instructions to the public for recycling was mentioned as very important. Discussion took place regarding breaking down cardboard boxes and not using plastic bags. S. Archer noted that recycling facilities don't always open up plastic bags in the bins. Archer commented on people needing to shake out collected recyclables and keep them loose in the bins. Doing this would take up less room or capacity in the bins. Glass was discussed as well. Glass would just go in the trash, not recycling.

It was noted that Meijer, Target, and Walmart have programs for recycling plastic bags.

The closing of some recycling facilities has brought attention to recycling efforts. Fiala noted that shutting down of recycling efforts of the townships/local governments is what should be avoided.

Englerth spoke of getting groups of people together and educating them on recycling or "green" efforts. Englerth also mentioned composting. Flattening of cardboard was mentioned as well as paper gators.

Dumpster usage was discussed. Englerth mentioned high usage of the township's recycling dumpsters on summer weekends and holidays.

S. Archer mentioned possibly gating the dumpsters/bins. Archer also wondered if there were any township events when recycling efforts could be brought to the attention of residents.

Getting another option for recycling cardboard was mentioned.

In the meantime, educating the public on recycling procedures would help.

Both Fiala and Englerth mentioned the volunteer efforts of the Wolowicz's (at the township recycling site).

**Short term goals regarding our township's recycling are:**

- **Educating the public about recycling through the Township Newsletter.**
- **Signage changes (at township recycling site): No Glass - No Plastic Bags – Flatten cardboard.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION to adjourn by Jansma with support from Englerth at 1:10 pm. Approved by all.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 5.10.19

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_

Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

**ADJOURNMENT**