

Town of Monroe
Special Public Meeting
September 24, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Those in attendance at tonight's meeting are Mike Geels, Josh Geerken, David Bard, Clayton Lengerich, Decatur Daily Democrat, Daniel Jaurigue, Mindy Carroll, Betsy Ward, Todd & Janee Nussbaum, David Wainscott with WM and Tony Biagiotti with Reliable Trash Service.

The purpose of this meeting was to gather information about trash companies that have given quotes to decide which trash company will service the Town of Monroe.

Mike welcomed all that came to tonight's meeting. He opened up the meeting by asking if anyone had any questions. No one spoke at this point.

Mike then asked who was representing the trash companies. David Wainscott spoke first and introduced himself and said he was representing WM. Tony Biagiotti spoke up and introduced himself and said he was the owner of Reliable Trash Service.

Tony came to the front and explained he was out of Allen County in Fort Wayne. He's only been in business for 3 1/2 years. He said their main concern is to deliver quality service and excellent customer service. He explained that they load from the back, not the side like his counter parts. He explained that he has his employees get off the truck, walk to the back, wheel the bins to the back and then the truck will tilt the bins to dump them. They will then wheel the bin back and turn it sideways with the lid closed so the home owner knows trash has been picked up. Daniel Jaurigue asked how damaged or broken bins are taken care of and what the turnaround is for replacement. Tony stated it all depends on who broke the bin. If it's the homeowner, they are responsible for the cost of a new bin. If the company is responsible, they will gladly replace the bin. Tony also stated that they will replace with a new bin within a weeks' time. David asked if Tony would have any trouble getting a hold of 350 bins. Tony said he's got an order on its way right now so there will be no trouble at all. Betsy asked if the rates will increase or if there are any extra charges or fees. Tony said his quote is for a 4.5% increase every year for the next 5 years. Janee asked if there were issues with the service, would the town be able to get out of the contract. Tony said if there's a performance issue, yes, of course. But he hopes we would give them a chance to rectify the issues before it comes to that. Reliable Trash Service is offering trash bins at \$17.40 per bin and \$9.30 for each additional bin. Clayton asked if Tony had a more official contract. Tony said what he sent us is all he has. What we have is the contract. Tony stated that he can add some verbiage if the town feels more needs added.

David Wainscott with WM came up to speak to everyone. He stated that being the large company they are and using the arm on the trucks he's able to work with less employees reducing the need for workman's comp claims but also being efficient. They have 9 cameras on each of their trucks and safety comes first. WM quote is \$17.44 for each bin and \$9.25 for each additional bin. David Wainscott asked everyone if there were any questions or concerns. Daniel Jaurigue spoke and stated that before WM distributed the new bins, he had 2 of his own. The second trash bin was thrown away by WM. He was able to get a 2nd bin from WM but at one point, that 2nd bin was taken away and never replaced, so he's still out of his original trash bin that he purchased himself. David stated he understood where he was coming from. Josh mentions to David that it takes about 2 weeks or more to replace a trash bin. David said that he will work on correcting this. Clayton asked if WM is willing to continue trash service after October 1, 2024 even though they've not signed a contract. David assured Clayton and council that they will not leave the town without trash service. Clayton then asked if WM was willing to negotiate and meet Reliable's figures. David said he'll take this question to the higher ups and get back to Rachel

with an answer. Clayton asked David if he had a contract for review. David said it's still in legal and he will get it to Rachel as soon as he can.

With no other comments or questions, Mike asked for a motion to adjourn. Josh made a motion. David seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

This meeting was adjourned.

Town Board President

Clerk-Treasurer