

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
JUNE 23, 2011**

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order and requested the Borough Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Ms. Gardell, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Kulsar, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zschack, and Mayor Crowley.

Absent: Ms. Miller

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Crowley stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Crowley said the agenda is the solid waste and recyclable collections bid discussion. Mayor Crowley said we received the bids they have been gone over by different people in the town. Mayor Crowley said the Council was given a CD with most of the information and spreadsheet. Mayor Crowley reported the lowest bidder was Blue Diamond. Mayor Crowley said the options were about the same for a, b, c and d. Mayor Crowley said weekly bulk is basically what we have now; the recyclables would be a little different but basically the same.

Mr. Kilduff reported in response to our bid advertisement we received four bids, Blue Diamond, Suburban Disposal, Waste Management our current waste hauler and Global Waste Industries. Mr. Kilduff said upon the opening of the bids and the reading of the numbers we forward the bids to our attorney and the attorney's office reviewed in detail the bid from Blue Diamond the low bidder. Mr. Kilduff said Borough Attorney determined that the bid from Blue Diamond was an acceptable bid and they were the lowest responsible bidder on this project.

Mr. Kilduff said in the course of the bid process we put forward a number of options available to get a variety of different pricing. Mr. Kilduff said he is happy to report to the Council and the public that at the end of this process the bid prices that we got are less than what we are currently paying. Mr. Kilduff said we budgeted this year \$450,000 for the bid. Mr. Rome explained what we were paying now.

Mr. Kilduff said we are currently paying \$36,900 and change per month the new bid from Blue Diamond would lower that to \$30,000 even. Mr. Rome said \$30,000 a month even that price would hold over a four year contract there was no [different] going to a one or two year contract then locking into \$30,000 for 48 months. Mr. Kilduff said it would be the same monthly payment over 48 months for the Borough at less than what we are paying now. Mr. Kilduff said he had a telephone conversation with Mr. Hadzelous he asked about the tipping fees or any changes coming up. SCUMA is dependent on state ad. Mr. Kilduff said as long as the state ad remains the same that Mr. Hadzelous seems to think the tipping fees would remain stable at least through 2013. Mr. Kilduff said there is no way to predict.

Mr. Kilduff said the options we are looking at the \$30,000 option means no change in the current program we have in effect with Waste Management. Mr. Kilduff said that means three cans weekly the same as you have now, and recyclables will be done in the same way and bulky waste pick up will be done once a week. Mr. Kilduff said the also indicated with use that they would also follow the same pick up schedule that we have now. Blue Diamond has a number of other municipal contracts most recently he believes Sparta and Andover Twp. Mr. Kilduff said his understanding they have about 30 trucks. Mr. Kilduff said they are not as large as Waste Management but the bid number was substantially lower for Blue Diamond than it was for Waste Management. Mr. Kilduff read the numbers from the different bids to give the public an idea of the different numbers that came in.

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Mayor Crowley asked if the recyclable are going be to picked up co mingle the same way Waste Management does now. Mr. Kilduff said it is his understanding that everything will be the same. There was a discussion on the recyclable collection schedule.

Mr. Kulsar said the one problem he sees transferring this over is Franklin Meadows. Mr. Kulsar said Waste Management has two big recycling dumpsters that they own and they just got done training all the people to throw everything that is recyclable into these dumpsters. Mrs. Gardell said Franklin Meadows is responsible for all of their own containers. Mr. Kulsar said not for recycling. Mr. Kilduff said there is a prevision in our bid specs about Franklin Meadows.

Mr. Kilduff read the provision for Franklin Meadows. Mr. Kilduff said the contractor shall provide the same level of service either by collecting solid waste two times a week or by increasing the size of the current containers placed on the premises contractors shall discuss this with the Franklin Meadows association. There was a discussion on Franklin Meadows.

The Council members gave their comments and asked question regarding the solid waste and recycling collection bid.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Zschack made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Giordano. All were in favor.

No one from the public stepped forward.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Zschack made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Giordano. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT:

Mr. Giordano made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding Blue Diamond Disposal a four year contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste, recyclable materials, bulk items and vegetative waste in the amount of 1,440,000. Seconded by Mrs. Gardell.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Gardell, Giordano, Kulsar, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Miller Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Zschack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Mr. Giordano. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Rachel Heath, Acting Clerk