

**Attendees:** Tom Ganssle, Rob Reese, Chris Briglia, Cindy Oatis, Tom Dittmar, John Balas, Nancy Nicholas, Terry Cooper, Rob Natkie

**Meeting opened:** 7:00 PM

**Approval Of Minutes:** May 23, 2012 minutes approved with revision.

**Guests:** Chris Caras (Mascaro)

**Hauler Report:** (1) Chris Caras mentioned that one of the trucks was leaking. He said that it could have been due to the heavy rain and that the trucks are cleaned regularly. (2) Cindy O. mentioned that there were containers dispersed on properties and some containers were not picked up. (3) Cindy O. commended Chris C. for his good service in handling issues very well. (4) Cindy O. also mentioned that this situation would have been eliminated if pick-up were automated. (5) Cindy O. commended Chris C. for showing disciplinary forms for employees who do not follow the rules. (6) Tom D. asked Chris C. if he noticed a large amount of recyclable materials in the trash. (7) Chris C. said that there is going to be recycling material in trash and that it happens in every Town, not just Palmer. (8) Tom D. mentioned seeing a lot of recycling material mixed in with trash. (9) Chris C. mentioned a company who accepts electronic equipment. Tom D. mentioned Best Buy will accept up to 32" screen TV's. He also said that AERC will accept electronics and that Staple's is also accepting some electronic items. (10) Cindy O. mentioned electronics disposal education for the public and that an article should be written for the Fall news letter. (11) Tom G. said he could write the article. (12) Rob R. also mentioned putting the article in with the EASWA and Sewer bills. (13) John B. mentioned current disparities regarding exactly what electronic devices are accepted.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** (1) Cindy O. said she attended the Township BOS meeting and that she stressed automation. (2) Full automation is preferred but the issue is affordability. (3) Cindy O. said she is preparing a grant application for \$250,000.00 for automated pick-up containers. (4) Cindy O. mentioned that the bid specifications have been revised and approved for partial and full automation and would include: [2] pick-up's for white goods per year; quarterly bulk goods collections and pick-up outside of the scheduled dates can be coordinated with the hauler; one [1] collection of yard waste and residents may arrange for pick-ups outside of that schedule with the hauler; Christmas tree collection will remain as is. (5) Cindy O. favorably mentioned "Cascade" and "Toter" brand containers for their durability, stackability and color range. (6) Rob N. suggested 2 different colors for the containers. He also mentioned that the colors should be able to be differentiated in the dark by the pick-up crew. (7) Tom D. suggested black and blue. (8) Rob R. suggests gray and green for the containers. (9) Cindy O. inquired about different colored lids. (10) Rob N. the problem with the lids is that you would need a lot of extras because they are the first thing that breaks on a container. (11) It is decided that 96 gal. containers will be used for both trash and recycling. (12) Rob R. inquired as to how the Township BOS meeting progressed. (13) Cindy O. recapped the BOS meeting stating that it would be desirable to realize 15% more recycling; 30% less trash and 30% cash back. She mentioned that with single stream and full automation, revenues will go up and landfill fees will go down. There was a unanimous vote to recommend implement full automation, to the B. O. S. Present Ordinances will need to be revised. The hauling bid specifications are being finalized. Government grants are being applied for. (14) Tom G. and the ESC thanked Cindy O. for all of her hard work. (15) Cindy O. suggested that ESC members and friends should attend the Bid Opening on August 6, 2012 for the Hauling Contract. (16) Cindy O. said the contract will be bid with (2) options; The Township purchases the containers or the Hauler purchases them. (17) Robert N. explained the subtleties between container brands and prices. "Toter" brand is heavy duty; "Cascade" containers are lighter duty, however the Cascade's wheels and lid are better than those of the "Toter" and that it comes down to price between the two. He also mentioned that "Otto" brand containers are cheap. (18) Robert N. mentioned that all mentioned containers are stackable. (19) "Toter" said they would assemble the container and deliver it.

**Old Business:** (1) Tom G. suggested the 2012 YPA is self explanatory and we can address items when there is enough time and that we need to concentrate on the upcoming Community Days event.

**New Business:** (1) Rob R. stated that the ESC needs to discuss the Community Days event. (2) Cindy O. mentioned an obstacle course using the new type of containers, for the kids. We should have signage to add events we offer and perhaps a visual aide. (3) The 2013 ESC meeting calendar was planned: No meeting in August; No meeting in November; Will meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of December; Will meet regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. (4) Tom G. will submit the yearly calendar to Brenda. (5) Rob R. mentioned the Great American Clean-up and scheduling it around Earth Day 2013. (6) Community Days Sub-committee meeting set for July 16, 2012 at a central location. (7) A field trip to Green Star was recommended and suggested to be on July 20, 2012 in the morning. (8) Rob R. mentioned that ideas are needed for the Community Days Sub-committee.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** 8:33pm motion to adjourn meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.  
*Minutes submitted by Chris Briglia July 25, 2012.*