

**Minutes of the  
September 21, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting  
Town of Winchester, Vilas County**

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 8:30AM on Wednesday September 21, 2022 at Winchester Town Hall. Attending in person were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Grimmer, Supervisor Whitney, Clerk Wainio, along with Jim Whittinghill of Republic Services.

Supervisor Grimmer made a motion to accept the agenda at the discretion of the chair. Supervisor Whitney seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

**New Business**

In order to accommodate Mr. Whittinghill, Mr. Discianno chose to address item #4 first.

4) *Review of Contract with Republic Services:* Jim Whittinghill from Republic Services reviewed the factors affecting our costs to process our waste and recyclables including everything from dumpster rental, pickup and delivery, tonnage, fuel charges and maintenance. He explained that Winchester owns the trash compactor and rents the recycle compactor. Costs have escalated due to various factors including an increase of 30% tonnage in the past year, additional pickups due to volume and a doubling of diesel fuel costs. Jim will forward the actual fuel calculation and tonnage reports for our review. The ten-year contract with Eagle Waste signed in 2011 has been honored by Republic Waste to date, but Mr. Whittinghill will draft 1 new 5-year agreement with a 5-year renewal for our review. In order to expedite switch out of dumpsters requests must be made via email to the office with a carbon copy to Jim.

2) *Closing of Job Posting:* Mr. Discianno made a motion to keep the posting open to 10/1/22 which Mr. Grimmer seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

3) *Health insurance for town employees:* Mr. Discianno made a motion to table discussion on the subject to the next meeting. Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

1) *2023 Budget:* Discussion continued with review of 2022 income and expenses along with projected costs to provide health insurance for full-time employees. Mr. Grimmer will work up wording for a package to include in the Employee Handbook if established.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan T. Wainio, Town Clerk