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Shaler Township

P E N N S Y L V A N I A

July 14, 2023

Dear Shaler Township Resident,

On May 30th, the Township opened sealed bids for garbage, recycling, yard waste, E-waste and household hazardous waste. The current contract with County Hauling expires on December 31, 2023. The contract was bid with two options. **Option A was bagged trash with a specific number of allowable bags and weekly contained recycling, with scheduled yard waste, e-waste and HHZ waste. This Option is substantially similar to the service currently in place but defines the number of bags permitted weekly at 15 bags. Option B allowed bidders to bid on automated collection for both refuse and recycling, with scheduled yard waste, e-waste and HHZ waste.**

Three companies requested the bid package. These companies included County Hauling, Republic Service and Waste Management. The Township permitted bidders to select either option, or both options, to encourage all companies to submit a bid. The day of the bid opening, both Republic Services and Waste Management advised Township management that they would not be submitting a bid for this contract.

County Hauling submitted a bid for both options. The monthly prices are as follows:

Option A: Bagged Trash (placed in cans or in bags), weekly automated recycling, scheduled yard, E and HHZ waste (15, 33-gallon bags, or 10, 50-gallon bags weekly):

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
\$ 30.00 per month	\$ 31.83 per month	\$33.77 per month

Option B: Automated Collection of Both Trash and Recycling, scheduled yard, E and HHZ waste:

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
\$ 32.56 per month	\$ 34.51 per month	\$36.58 per month

Registered senior citizens will receive a 15% discount off the above prices. If you are currently signed up for the senior citizen discount, you do not have to re-register for this discount. If you are registered for backyard service, your service will continue.

The monthly fee for bagged trash represents a 30.2% increase from the current monthly rate of \$23.03. It has been well documented over the past year that refuse collection is a difficult business - companies are struggling to obtain vehicles and qualified drivers to meet their needs. We believe that these challenges played a part in obtaining bids for the contract.

Please note Option A is substantially similar to the system that is currently in place in Shaler Township. Residents are encouraged to utilize their own cans or containers for refuse. All refuse must be bagged and placed at the curb or placed in a can at the curbside. This new contract specifies the number of bags that are permitted each week (up to 15). All items currently excluded from collection (auto parts, building materials, etc.) are still excluded in the new contract. In addition, all collection days and

observed holidays will remain unchanged. A flyer has been included with this letter outlining trash and recycling guidelines. Please keep this flyer for reference.

For comparison purposes, neighboring communities that were part of a joint bid at the end of 2022 are paying \$30.51 per month for automated collection, with limited capacity for both refuse and recycling. Another neighboring community recently received a bid of \$38.50 for unlimited bagged trash.

Shaler Township's contract will allow up to 15, 33-gallon bags, or 10, 50-gallon bags weekly. This will allow residents to dispose of between 495 – 500 gallons of trash per week, compared to approximately 7-8 kitchen size bags (13-gallon) or 100 gallons per week using the automated cart system.

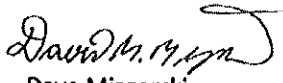
At the July 11, 2023, meeting, the Board of Commissioners awarded the refuse and recycling contract for Option A to County Hauling. Considering the current market conditions for this industry, we are very pleased that we were able to preserve the current services, with minor modifications. We recognize that this service is very important to our residents and hope that if you have any difficulties with County Hauling that you contact the Township for assistance in resolution of your problem. We are pleased that we were able to preserve the current collection system, with minimal additional parameters.

Very truly yours,

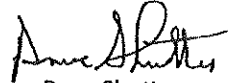
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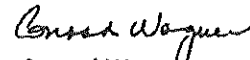
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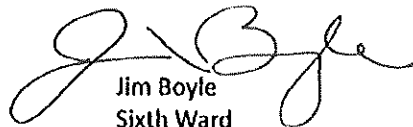
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Third Ward



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