

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 24, 2026
Mayor Dennis Lutes presiding**

MEMBERS: Kathryn Bronstein, Robert Wilson, Jake Harp, Lynlee Cunningham

OTHERS: Vince Luce, Becky Jackson, Rebecca Betts-Paternosh, Andrew Thompson, Ed LeBarron, Full House (no listing)

Mayor

REFUSE COLLECTION/RECYCLABLES/SPRING CLEANUP

The Work Session was called to figure out the Refuse Collection/Recyclable and Spring Cleanup bid, and discussion ensued with many questions from various residents regarding the companies involved.

Trustee Bronstein explained briefly that it is difficult to compare recycling once a week versus every other week and with the one you put out your own bin and the other one, they would provide the bin.

Bill Devlin of Casella stated that their bid is cheaper overall with the carts than the other bid. Instead of selling you a bag they are going to put a \$9.00 fee on your Electric Utility Bill.

The Treasurer explained there is also an option where we could increase taxes too. But there are pros and cons to each of those options. The overall cost of garbage pickup that we are paying to Casella is offset by the revenue from selling the bags, it is a fundraiser towards paying that cost. If we didn't do the bags, we would have to charge the residents more on their property taxes.

It was noted that the Village had just received the shipment of the Village of Westfield blue bags and it was inquired what would happen with those. Bill Devlin noted they could still pick up the blue bags.

How would apartments get charged if they just rent. That would probably be up to the landlord/property owner to keep track of that. The Village could give Casella a listing and they would skip the houses that do not participate.

The board made a motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Harp and was carried unanimously to reject the bids and go out to re-bid for the Refuse/Recyclables/Spring Cleanup.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Rebecca Jackson
Deputy Village Clerk