

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING RE: PROPOSED SANITATION DISTRICT

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Town Hall

10/20/87

8:00 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Holbrook
Council Members Carey, Lettre, Maloney, Smith
John Costa, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

Supervisor Holbrook explained the purpose of tonight's public hearing. He said the establishment of this district will go forward and will serve as a boiler plate for the towns of Orangetown and Ramapo which are the other towns using the Sanitary Landfill. He said he wanted it clear that as of next year only those towns complying with the regulations of the Clarkstown Sanitary Landfill Refuse District will be permitted to use the Clarkstown Landfill. He stated that they intend to obtain better control of the waste stream going into the Landfill. He said they also intend to improve the service to Clarkstown residents and to improve the appearance of our Town through the increased bulk pickups which are also proposed. Supervisor said no one is pleased with the appearance of our Town during the summer and it is apparent that the refuse situation is beyond the capacity of our Highway Department. He said our Highway Department is not a sanitation department and was never intended to be. We should never have been involved in that business.

Supervisor said another part of the plan is the composting of leaves which are presently now being deposited in the Clarkstown Sanitary Landfill. Those leaves will be composted at the French Farms Facility which from the environmental standpoint is more sensible and certainly from the landfill point of view much more appropriate. Supervisor went on to state that they also hope to set in motion a county recycling system. The county has labored long and hard in a futile effort to come to grips with the solid waste situation. It is hoped this district will be the catalyst to some positive action on behalf of the County toward an ultimate solution for solid waste whether that be a resource recovery plant or an additional sanitary landfill. Time is running out. The DEC has issued Clarkstown a Consent Order and the problems with the pollution of the Hackensack are something with which we must be concerned because upon DEC's orders the Clarkstown Landfill could be closed within 270 days notice regardless of how many communities are using it. He said the Town Board should take credit for the bold, comprehensive, far reaching plan which is proposed.

Supervisor introduced Les Bollman, Director of the Clarkstown Department of Environmental Control, who was instrumental in putting this report together, to explain some of the highlights of this report. He stated that comments would be accepted from the audience after the presentation.

On motion of Councilman Lettre, seconded by Councilman Maloney and unanimously adopted the Public Hearing was declared open.

Town Clerk read the notice calling Public Hearing and Town Attorney testified as to the proper posting and publication.

Mr. Les Bollman, Director of the Clarkstown Department of Environmental Control mentioned that the Supervisor, Members of the Town Board and the Town Attorney were instrumental in this proposal. He noted that Mr. Joel Sacks was retained as Special Counsel. He mentioned that Mr. George Suttie represented Charles R. Velzy. With regard to composting we had input from Lentz, Inc. and Mr. Beng Ooi is here tonight representing them.

Mr. Bollman said this project was conceived to effectively control the quantity of solid waste brought into the Landfill. It is urgent that we develop some type of long term solution, whether that be a county or a town resource recovery system or a county or a town new landfill. He said we must operate in a manner to conserve the environmental and save capacity of our

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landfill. That goes along with preserving the natural resources. Obviously, if we recycle paper, it protects our trees. Glass, as we know, is made from a high grade sand or silica. It is our intent to require all users of the Clarkstown Landfill to establish similar controls, which includes, presently, the Towns of Orangetown and Ramapo and their villages.

The Landfill is presently operating under a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Consent Order. The New York State DEC has the responsibility to regulate all solid waste facilities. They have the power to close our landfill when they feel we are not operating in compliance with their regulations. We currently take in approximately 750 to 800 tons of refuse a day. We are planning on a 10% to 30% reduction of our solid waste but at only 10% we can figure on 25,000 tons being eliminated every year. (That represents eight or more of those garbage barges that went up and down the Atlantic coast which we followed in our newspapers for such a long time.)

The four primary components of the solid waste program are going to be administered by the proposed district are the collection of municipal solid waste; the collection of bulk; the collection and processing of recyclable materials; and leaf pick-up and composting.

For the collection of municipal solid waste it is our intent that our current carters maintain their own routes and customers and that the fees be established as they are now by the Sanitation Commission and that the commercial, industrial, condos, apartments, etc., for the initial phase of this, remain as they are currently. They go out and solicit for their own collector. We would maintain the same system for payment, where the homeowner pays the cost directly.

For the collection of bulk, trash, appliances it is currently the responsibility of the Highway Department. The intent of the district is that the carters will pick up the bulk items at least once a month on a scheduled basis. There will be a definition of bulk and basically it will not include construction debris or anything that is the responsibility of a contractor hired by a homeowner. The bulk will now be placed at the curb no more than 48 hours in advance of the scheduled pick-up. The fees for this service will be established by the Sanitation Commission and collected by the Town for the district and would be subject to the approval of the Town Board.

Regarding the collection and processing of recyclable materials, the items we are planning on for the initial phase are paper and by paper he meant newsprint only, no telephone books, magazines, and mail; clear glass and we would ask that it at least be rinsed and cans, both aluminum and tin and again we ask that it be at least rinsed. If there are labels on them they should be removed. At this point Mr. Bollman demonstrated the type of box that would be used by the homeowner for the above purpose. They would be purchased by the Town and given to all residences.

The processing then would be by a contractor using a specialized truck once a week on a garbage collection route. By contractor, for purposes of this proposal, we are assuming it to be the current carter. A specialized truck will be broken into three segments so that they would pick up the material and they could separate the three items you would have - the paper, the glass and the cans. Paper would go into one compartment and should be bundled or the easiest way is to put it into a brown grocery shopping bag. The cans and the glass would be sorted as they are picking it up and they would return the box to the location at the curb where they picked it up. There will be a recycling center which will be located adjacent to the Landfill. Access would be through the current gate at the Landfill - go across the scale and make a left

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hand turn. The fees would be established by the Sanitation Commission collected through the district with approval of the Town Board.

Leaf Pick-Up and Composting. It is presently picked up by the Highway Department and delivered to the Landfill. Pick-up will continue by the Highway Department but it would be delivered to French Farms for composting. The method we are proposing has been developed by Lentz, Inc. and its advantages are that it is odorless, clean and safe. The cost per single residential family unit would be for example, a house assessed at \$150,000.00 would amount to slightly over \$6.00 per month charge or \$74.00 using the figures we have come up with that is included in the report.

Supervisor asked Mr. Bollman if that took into account any fees anticipated from the State or from the County? Mr. Bollman stated that they had not taken into account any of those fees. Supervisor said then the figures represented are the base numbers regardless of any fees from any other source and Mr. Bollman said that was correct.

Supervisor asked if the Board Members had any specific questions? No one did.

Mr. Costa then read into the record the report of the Department of Environmental Control dated October 8, 1987 with respect to the compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act which is a memo by Mr. Bollman to the Town Board indicating that a short environmental assessment form under the provisions of Title VI NYCRR, Sec. 617.6. He said the Town Board has agreed to coordinate the review of the involved agencies. As staff for the Town Board we concur in the initial opinion indicated on the second page of the short environmental assessment form and will distribute it to all agencies listed below if within thirty calendar days from the date of this letter no involved agency copied below submits a written objection to the Clarkstown Town Board being lead agency. The Town Board will be lead agency and will carry out the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act. The short environmental assessment form indicates in its conclusion that it has been determined on the basis of completing the questionnaire that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Town Board by Charles E. Holbrook,
Supervisor

Town attorney said there is correspondence dated October 16, 1987 addressed to supervisor from Roberta Sigrist, Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Upper Nyack.

Dear Mr. Holbrook:

Enclosed is certified copy of resolution passed at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack in connection with the Town Garbage and Refuse District."

The certificate attached to the resolution attests that it is a copy of the original on file in the Village Hall. The resolution reads as follows:

"RESOLUTION - October 15, 1987

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Upper Nyack will join the Clarkstown Town Garbage and Refuse District as defined in their proposal of September 1987 as it relates to the recycling program. As the proposal does not provide for the unique Upper Nyack bulk compost and leaf removal requirements and

WHEREAS, this will create an undue extreme financial hardship on the Village of Upper Nyack it is therefore necessary

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that these services be specifically addressed and accommodated for the village of Upper Nyack.

Motion made by Trustee Ralph Bartolocci
Seconded by Trustee Warren M. Gould

Ayes: Mayor George Condon
Trustees H. Russell Drown, IV
Peter Huber
A. Ralph Bartolocci
Warren M. Gould

Nays: None

Town Attorney stated that he also had correspondence dated October 20, 1987:

*Supervisor Charles Holbrook

Dear Supervisor Holbrook and Town Council Members:

Because the County Legislature is meeting at this moment I am unable to attend your public hearing on recycling. On the Legislature I serve as Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Recycling. It is clear that we must find an environmentally sound solution to solid waste disposal but it is also clear that communities must endeavor to reduce the quantity of solid waste which threatens to overwhelm us. I sponsored two initiatives in the Legislature. One calls upon county government to establish financial incentives so that towns and villages would start or expand recycling programs. Such funds could be used for equipment, public education or other appropriate needs. The second initiative involves the hiring of a recycling coordinator by the county who would work with towns and villages to find markets for the recyclable products and to help in a variety of other ways. I have suggested that our recycling committee also look at legislation to regulate packaging materials. I believe the town is taking a farsighted approach by sponsoring a recycling program. Speaking personally, as a householder, I would be grateful to know that the thousands of pages of newsprint which pass through our house each week, the glass bottles and cans generated by a thirsty household will be recycled for future use.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Cornell*

Supervisor asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to make a comment or raise a question?

Appearance: Mr. Joseph Pantano
New City, New York

Mr. Pantano said he was representing the Committee for Responsible Government. He said he could not make last Thursday's meeting on the budget and he commended the Town Board for one of the first budgets that he and his organization could recommend to the public. Although he felt there should be some minor changes that since it has been his pattern many years to come up to the Board and comment against certain things in the budget he said this year they had made an excellent opportunity for the public.

Mr. Pantano asked about the coming revenue with regard to the proposal under discussion tonight and he said let's assume the average is \$74.00. He asked how much of that might be offset by other revenues? Supervisor said he thought the recycling charge could be offset somewhat by that because there are funds available

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from the State. The Town has to expend the money first. Secondly, if the County is to provide some funds for this program it would relate specifically to the recycling program. The composting of the leaves and the bulk would stand on their own as individual items but the aid part of this would relate specifically to the recycling and then specifically to the capital expenditures for a recycling center and any equipment that would be involved. He said we have figured out the costs and the differing numbers if we are talking in the neighborhood of somewhere like \$2.00 a month for pick-up fees you would be considering \$24.00 a year using the first figure and the extra eight dollars would be the cost for the establishment of a recycling center. It is the eight dollar figure that would be somewhat offset by aid depending on how much the Town would get either from the County and the \$50,000.00 per municipality from the State, certainly from the Village of Upper Nyack and the Town of Clarkstown. There is about \$100,000.00 there if the County were to provide \$200,000.00 of additional revenue to start this the eight dollar figure would be reduced.

Mr. Pantano said then the other sixty some odd dollars would not be? Supervisor said no the composting would be the seven dollar bracket and the bulk is figured on a basis of three dollars per residence per month. At the present time the Clarkstown Highway Department spends about half its year picking up bulk and debris and this particular proposal provides for twelve pickups per year minimum and it would make our town a lot more attractive and will enable our Highway Department to do what they should be doing and that is dealing with either the highways or the stream maintenance.

Mr. Pantano then questioned the residents taking labels off cans, etc. Supervisor said that it is not mandatory. Mr. Pantano said if you place your cans and bottles out at the curb in an opened container you may attract some undesirable creatures. Supervisor said we do not anticipate an additional day for this to be placed outside. We anticipate that on the second day of regular garbage pickup (regular garbage will be placed wherever the residents place it now) the recyclable material will be picked up by a separate vehicle from the curbside on that specific day. When people put their garbage out on that morning they will put their recyclables out and it will be picked up that same day. Supervisor said they foresaw no problems with rodents or other animals. The pickup will be systematic and not haphazard.

Mr. Pantano said he heard a 48 hour figure mentioned and the Supervisor said that related to the bulk. He said one of the problems with the bulk is that we have people in town who now have to plan around bulk pickup. The present proposal now gives people 48 hours before pickup to put their bulk items out. We feel that is the most efficient way.

Mr. Pantano asked, since the Highway Department will now have less to do, will there be a decrease or a levelling off in the manpower for the Highway Department. Supervisor said certainly a levelling off. There were five proposed laborers in the budget that we eliminated. We eliminated considerable amount of overtime. Right now we have about 300+ miles of roads, plenty of streams and plenty of catch basins so that we anticipate that our Highway Department will be gainfully employed for a long time catching up on work that really has been done in the past decade in a haphazard fashion or on an emergency basis. We need to systematize it so that maintenance is routine - catch basins, curbs, and streams are checked systematically so that we are not caught short during an emergency. This is not to criticize the Highway Department because they do yeoman service to the town but the size of the town has gone beyond their capacity to service in addition to all of the other things which are in their job description.

Mr. Pantano said we must keep an eye on the Highway budget to be sure that it is kept in line. Supervisor said the

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people want the Highway to pave and maintain their roads because the beautification of Clarkstown, aside from getting the bulk and the leaves picked up, is the paving of roads which also adds to the beautification of the town. The more roads we pave the more requests come in for paving because people do pay considerable taxes in this town and they want the town to look nice. The Town Board is taking the approach that we are here to provide service and to make the town look nice and when that happens the property values are enhanced.

Appearance: Mr. Jonathan Levine

Mr. Levine stated that he was a Clarkstown member of the Environmental Management Council of Rockland County. He said he applauded the Town of Clarkstown for taking this initiative with respect to solid waste management. He was especially pleased that we are creating a sanitation district taking responsibility for solid waste management in the town regardless of what anyone else in the county does.

Mr. Levine noted that he was glad that we are committed to a certain percentage on recycling. He said the State DEC had hoped for a 40% to 50% for recycling as a plan before any municipality would be allowed to go ahead with a solid waste district. He said he believed that had now gone by the wayside as a requirement. However, to have the municipality actually commit to a figure is very important. The ash which comes from a mass burn plant has recently been listed as a toxic waste. That means that the ash can no longer be placed into a landfill simply because we have a reduction in the waste stream after mass burn that is now going to have to be dealt with as a toxic. This actual figure of 10% shows a commitment on the part of the Town Board to commit to recycling as an even partner eventually with other forms of waste management. He said he hoped that figure would increase as time goes on. He said he could not speak for the entire Environmental Management Council but he was sure they would do everything they could to advance the cause of recycling and assist the town.

Appearance: Ms. Barbara Porta, Director
Rockland County Environmental Management

Ms. Porter said the Council wholeheartedly and without reservation supports this whole program. It is not just innovative but it is good planning. It is something we have been looking forward to in this county for a long, long time, especially now because the Council initiated the Rockland County Recycling and Composting Plan for Rockland County to be used by municipalities. This is exactly what the Town of Clarkstown is doing. She went on to say that when they had met with Supervisor Holbrook earlier this year and talked about a plan they might be doing, the Council never thought it would be this far ahead at this time. They are absolutely delighted. They do not only think that it is going to work but it is a good plan that other communities in Rockland County will and can follow.

Appearance: Ms. Catherine Snyder

She asked if these charges will be incorporated into our tax bill.

Supervisor said the fees which residents now pay to their carter they will continue to pay directly to the carter. These particular charges will be district charges as part of the sanitation district. That will appear on your tax bill as a separate sanitation district charge.

Mrs. Snyder said she felt the present Highway Department is doing a commendable job.

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Appearance: Mr. Dick Minor

He wanted to commend the Town Board on their forward thinking and he heartily agreed with you on the need and the urgency of doing something along this line. He said he did have some reservations and some questions. He said most residents will be somewhere between the \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00 assessment and we will be talking about \$75.00 to \$80.00 additional on our tax bill. He asked if the people we are now contracting with will be increasing their charges? Supervisor said the increase in charges for regular garbage disposal is up to the Sanitation Commission. We anticipate an increase in tipping fees so there would most likely be an increase in the average monthly pickup in regard to garbage disposal. That was included in a story run in the Journal News about a week ago. We are talking about an increase of somewhere between \$75.00 and \$80.00.

Mr. Minor said then we are really looking at more than you are indicating here. Supervisor said that is what will appear on the tax bill. The direct charge that we now pay which is \$35.07 would be increased probably by \$1.00 or \$1.50 per month so we will increase to \$12.00 or \$13.00 per month. Supervisor said that is the quarterly figure but we are anticipating as a total package, if you round off the \$12.00 which you are paying now for garbage disposal, for composting, recycling, the bulk and the garbage you would be adding to the \$12.00 you now pay somewhere between \$7.00 and \$8.00 per month for the entire package. We are talking about additional charges but we are also talking about additional service at the same time and additional savings.

Mr. Bollman said if we increase the tipping fee that is revenue to the Town that will offset costs of operating the landfill. The only way we get that money is through taxation.

Mr. Minor asked what we are going to do with the materials that have been recycled? What kind of revenues do you expect to receive from that marketable material and how will it be reflected on our tax bill.

Mr. Bollman said they have done preliminary investigation on that and the income anticipated from paper of about 7 lbs. per household (and he felt they were being conservative) at \$15.00 an average ton would be approximately \$40,000.00. The glass would be approximately a \$60,000.00 income. Metals would be about a \$40,000.00 income - all per year. Mr. Bollman said he realizes that at the start of the program we will not be getting 100% participation but hopefully as the year goes on we will approach that.

Supervisor said we have tried to present figures that are realistic in the sense that if we get additional revenue from paper so be it. That would also go to offset the cost. We tried to anticipate a reasonable figure that we could live with and truly represent to the public, not something that would be inflated. Anything that we would sell as part of the recycling program would go to offset the cost. Additionally, a town such as Orangetown, which uses the Clarkstown Sanitary Landfill, will also be required to recycle cans and bottles will also obviously be charged for the use of the Clarkstown Recycling Center. Those fees have not been figured into this report either. It would be anticipated that we will be receiving additional revenues from that but how much remains to be seen. The same would be true from the Town of Ramapo.

Supervisor said the paper right now would probably go to the Thruway Recycling Center. Ramapo, as of January 1, 1988, will be taking all its paper there. We would anticipate the Town of Orangetown doing the same. For any use of the landfill as to bottles and cans those would be additional charges and those charges would be added to the revenue side in Clarkstown to offset the cost

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of establishing the center. We have been conservative with the revenue fees because we did not want to paint a picture that was too rosy. We wanted to be realistic. Given the participation that we feel is out there, as people are concerned about the environment and want to do something about it, the revenue probably will be in excess of what we have anticipated. We have prepared for the worst eventually and those figures reflect that.

Mr. Minor said then we can assume and be assured that any revenues received from outside sources through the recycling will not be put into general funds but will be spent back to offset costs. Supervisor said that is correct. In addition, by law, that must be but we will take those fees and reduce the cost. With fees we are now receiving from Ramapo we are escrowing those funds in interest bearing accounts for the ultimate closing of the Clarkstown Landfill. We could take those funds and wash them through the General Account but at some point in time you have to pay the piper and that is the point.

Supervisor said this is part of a total management project not only of solid waste but also of revenues obtained from all of this. He said he felt we are trying to provide for now and also for the future - for costs now and for future expenses - so that the Clarkstown taxpayer down the road five years or so will not be whacked with a \$5 to \$7 million dollar bill to close the Landfill. That money will be there so we can handle that cost.

Mr. Minor said a plan of this magnitude is going to require a lot of cooperation. He said he did not know that the town would receive that cooperation. What contingencies do we have if there is no cooperation?

Supervisor said we have had campaigns running in the schools to bring the message home to parents. He said we have tried to simplify the system and are asking people to use a box and put the material in the box and put it out at the curb on garbage day. We are not asking people to change or alter their pattern that much. The problem is that very few of us have ever been involved in such a program. However, there is a willingness on behalf of the people to try to improve the environment. If the district is created we intend to supply everyone with a pamphlet which will describe exactly what is to be expected.

Supervisor went on to state that although this is a mandatory program the Town Board believes that compliance will be high. If we can provide the leadership they will comply.

Mr. Minor asked if there were any plans to ensure that the carters adhere to the program? Supervisor said the carters have always been regulated by our Sanitation Commission. The carters have been an instrumental part in helping to put together this plan from the standpoint of input and potential pitfalls. Mr. Minor said he got the feeling that the carters were less than enthusiastic. Supervisor said whenever anything new hits there are always questions and concern. This must be done with the cooperation of the carters, however, and the Supervisor said he believed that they are willing to cooperate and have demonstrated a willingness to cooperate. Most of the people in Clarkstown are satisfied with the service they get from their carters and will be satisfied with the service they will receive with regard to the bulk and the recycling.

Mr. Minor said he also had reservations about the Town taking on the responsibility and the additional work of creating a sanitary district of this magnitude. He says we have enough trouble controlling the agencies we already have. He asked if the Town Board really wanted to take on such a program even with the necessity that we need to recycle. Maybe there is another way to do it without getting quite this grand. Supervisor said this is a time when people are concerned about the appearance of their town. We

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need to get a handle on the waste stream. It is not our intention to create additional departments. We felt that this system - relying on our carters, getting the Highway Department out of the garbage collection business, which they should be, is a better way to provide better services and spend taxpayers' dollars more wisely than has been done in the past. This is not to denigrate the Highway Department. They were asked to do an impossible task. They spend half the year picking up garbage and the other half picking up leaves, there is very little time for doing the roads. We are not looking to create monster departments and we are trying to keep the cost to a minimum. What we have proposed here is with a minimum of clientele. At the recycling center we might need laborers to move the cans and bottles around but we are not looking to the creation of a department with fifty or sixty employees.

Mr. Minor said but there would be administrative costs? Supervisor said there are many people in our Environmental Control Department who are certainly qualified to handle this and are very conversant with it. Mr. Bollman has been a big pusher behind this concept and is well versed in it. Mr. Minor said he sees where there is the potential here for more Town/County bureaucracy which in itself may not be that beneficial to the system.

Supervisor said if the County of Rockland wanted to provide for the County and service all the towns and coordinate it to help find markets for recyclables certainly we would take advantage of that but we are not relying on any other source at this point and we are not anticipating a top layer of administration. We can administer it very well and with the cooperation of the carters and the public it can work.

Appearance: Mr. Jack Cuff
Pheasant Drive
West Nyack, New York

Mr. Cuff asked in regard to branches would that be considered a part of bulk pick up. Supervisor said yes and grass as well. Mr. Cuff asked about tree stumps. Supervisor said if you had a contractor in to remove tree stumps that would be part of their job to remove them and bring them to the landfill. That would be beyond the scope of the carters' responsibilities. If you were to demolish a garage or totally remove the shingles from your roof those things would be part of the contracting job. But if you cut the branches in reasonable lengths (five to six feet) those would be picked up, grass would be picked up.

Mr. Cuff asked what happens when you put your newsprint out at the curb and it's raining? Also you are going to have to educate the people that not all papers are newsprint and that cannot be put in with newspapers. Supervisor said there will be an education program provided and as long as there is a willingness to move forward we can be successful.

Mr. Cuff said he understood that French Farms which was going to be an athletic facility for soccer, etc. is now going to become a natural compost and he hoped the people around French Farms are satisfied with that. He said he has been composting for many years in his backyard and is starting to develop a second terrace there. He asked what would happen with composting material five years or so down the road? Supervisor said we will look for a market for it but if we don't have a market for it, it is our intention that we would provide the soil that would be created from this to make it available to our residents at no charge if they wanted to collect it. Mr. Cuff said if you find anyone interested please tell him as he has 27 years of it sitting in his backyard. He has not been able to turn it into dirt or establish a market for it.

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Supervisor said we have not anticipated any figures here for the sale of compost. If it turns out we can get rid of it somehow, we will. Mr. Cuff said compost in the summertime after a wet period followed by strong sunshine develops a good source for spontaneous combustion and possibly five years from now or even four years from now what would be then an underground fire such as in a peat bog if you have ever seen one it can be burning six months later and there is nothing you can do about it. Supervisor said what we intend to do with our compost is have it managed in a scientific method so that it will not simply be a haphazard dumping of leaves. Supervisor said he had recently been in French Farms and there were piles of leaves in rows. Once you scraped off the top layer you could still see leaves that were pretty much as they were when they were dumped there five or six years ago.

Mr. Ooi said that in the compost operation the leaves and clippings would be turned into humus and the site would be cleaned every six months. The PH would be kept at 6.7 to 6.8 which is very neutral and therefore it would be odorless and noncombustible. He said he would guarantee that the by-product would be sold or taken away as in many towns in New Jersey and Bedford, New York. He said the residents in some areas had to be limited to the amount of humus they were allowed to take away and that there were fifteen outlets to take the humus. There were comments from Mr. Ooi regarding the compost

Mr. Cuff said at no cost to the taxpayers? Mr. Ooi said no cost. Mr. Cuff said if we are going to be building a shed or a building to store recyclables are we going to be storing Ramapo's and Clarkstown's or are they going to be storing there own? Supervisor said they could store their own or if they choose and it is at the pleasure of the Town Board and the Sanitation Commission they could use our facilities to store the bottles and the cans and that would be a charge. It could potentially be a source of income. He said he was not saying that it has to be. Mr. Cuff said he thinks West Nyack has taken the brunt of being the dumping ground for all of Clarkstown and Orangetown and now Ramapo long enough. He went on to state if we are going to start a recycling program then we are going to insist that Orangetown and Ramapo have a recycling program. He said let them keep their junk in their backyard as he did not want it in his.

Supervisor said that is something that would ultimately be decided by the Town Board and the Sanitation Commission. Mr. Cuff said he would hope that they would give that strong consideration. We have done plenty for Orangetown and Ramapo and maybe now it is payback time.

Appearance: Mr. John Lodico
2 Birch Lane
New City, New York 10956

Mr. Lodico said he thought the goals of the program were fine. He thought the means of using the district as a vehicle to get it started might be appropriate. He raised questions about the fees and the ad valorem. He said with incorporating in the fees there should be two charges. One, an ad valorem fee, and the score card doesn't show too much difference between a \$100,000.00 home and a \$250,000.00 home. Those are medium homes these days and so the fee is \$36.00. He went on to say the ad valorem is only one part of it and there should be a minimum unit price added to it so that there are no tax exemptions of properties that would have this available because their property is tax exempt. Sewer service and others he did not believe were tax exempt. These are charges and services that go to properties that are tax exempt and that particular property owner would have to pay an assessment for sewers. He should also pay assessment for recycling. Since we are setting the precedent and we are talking about Ramapo we are talking

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about a high percentage of population in the Town of Ramapo that has to pay for tremendous amount of tax exempt property. Therefore, in setting up the model, the ad valorem plus the unit measure probably for the first time would assist home owners in the Town of Ramapo who to date are paying a tremendous amount for tax exempt properties. Mr. Lodico said in addition the tax ad valorem would be a deductible item of their income as a tax assessment in deference to a charge now which he did not believe now is deductible.

Mr. Lodico went on to state that he was leery about the composting aspect in spite of those who have promoted and supported its goals concept and so forth. He said he liked the idea that if we did take in the concept program then it wouldn't cost us anything to manage it, to have it taken care of and taken away every year. He said the site is the wrong place for it because that would perpetuate and eliminate a very valuable piece of municipal property that should be developed for our recreation facilities which time and again have been discussed for that area, municipal building, relocation of the recreational facilities building which we are currently paying through the nose for located at the far east end of the town. Once you develop this area for compost and establish it, you will never then have area left for building of our municipal expansion or capital programs. We have a number of acres, probably in excess of thirty acres and maybe even sixty acres of the total one hundred and forty that have not been developed to the south. If we are going into a composting program then leave it in an area which is now not being considered for expansion. He said he was in support of the additional area being expanded. He said he was in support of landfill presently and in the future as a medium of getting rid of our waste stream.

He said he raised the question of market availability when the question of the program first came up. That should still be a criteria before you go out looking for buying all kinds of equipment, buying all kinds of items that are to work in this program and selling the program. He said he thought the laugh had nothing to do with what might go in there. He thought the people were laughing at the size of the container. He said he creates a lot of garbage and a lot of newspapers. He did not know what the little box costs but it surely would not handle his waste stream, his newspapers or most of the waste stream of the house. He said the town should look into another area. Rubbermaid will make our own colored Clarkstown emblazoned container, thirty-two gallon size, probably for the same price you might be paying for this little milk carton that is supposed to get involved in a multi-million dollar recycling program. He said people will come in stating that they need three or four of them.

He said once you have the market for where it is going to go you should start off with at least a minimum of a thirty gallon container which also has a lid which eliminates the potential of moisture getting in. Then the paper is unacceptable and they will not take it. Supervisor said that is not true, they will take it. Mr. Lodico said the minimum container should be at least a thirty gallon covered item.

Mr. Lodico said he did not know if this was going to be a very profitable thing at all in spite of the projections of so called studies. There have been communities that have had recycling around this country that end up with piles and piles with no market to go.

Supervisor said we have not anticipated to make this necessarily a profit making operation. He said we have tried to be realistic and in light of what some of Mr. Lodico's other comments have been that whatever revenue we get we will welcome. Mr. Lodico said however much is derived from this program should not go into the General Fund and should be put in environmental trusts, etc. Mr. Lodico said that Supervisor Holbrook had alluded to it and every

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politician alludes to it when they want to develop a program - the threat of the DEC coming down here and they are going to close us up in 270 days. It sounds nice and is something to get things moving. If you are going to have a program, you are going to have it anyway. The Public Hearing is the official way of getting it launched and having it whether they like it or not out there. If you like it, we are going to have it. The point is that the DEC had a fifteen year consent order on Croton Landfill until the mountain overflowed. The City of New York is under a consent order since 1972.

Our town government and our engineers should be working to see where and how we can utilize our additional lands that are there to expand our landfill. They haven't found any bad news of our water polluting Hackensack River to any degree and he said until such time as those things come down to where they say there is a threat we have a tremendous bog under there 0' to 75' in some places which on penetration of toxic, etc. would take us into a million years maybe before it got through seventy five feet of bog out in its furthest west point. The Town should not be hiding because that consent order to open or close within 270 days should be persuing to utilize more of the land that is down there, expand the collection system further south and utilize the 40 or 50 more acres and that will give us another thirty years if properly engineered, laid out and designed.

Referring to refuse collectors and the charge, Mr. Lodico said he thought the charge that we receive for the service is probably the best and if government was in the garbage business it would probably cost twice as much for the service that our collectors give.

Mr. Lodico said he believed that each town should handle their own recyclables and we don't want to get involved in giving another five acres for four other towns or whatever to store their stuff on our land. They should set aside their own recycling program. Let them worry about their market and we will worry about ours. We are allowing them to come into our landfill as a nice gesture but they should handle their own problems.

Appearance: Mr. Walter Fleischer
443 Buena Vista Road
New City, New York 10956

Mr. Fleischer gave a listing of the organizations to which he belongs, many of which are primarily concerned with the environment. He said one of the most important things for people to acknowledge, and the town already has, is the garbage crisis. We are on the verge of being buried in garbage if we don't do something. The state is cracking down and saying we must recycle. If you don't recycle you cannot install a resource recovery plant and they will look very hard at giving you any further landfill. He said he was very happy that Clarkstown is taking the lead. It is the first town in the county to do this. He felt we have been influenced by the study down by the county through the Environmental Management Council. It was an excellent study and he is glad it has been taken up.

Mr. Fleischer said we have a fine, intelligent population in Rockland County and particularly in Clarkstown. When they understand that this is real and we must do it, they will. There is no question but that we will get a very high participation. We recycled during the war. It was necessary. We recycled everying. Cans were washed and flattened. We saved razor blades. We separated aluminum foil. We reused our tires until they were nothing but lumps. People will do it. When we had a water crisis here only a few years ago one announcement on the radio of be careful with your water and we saved so much water that the water company had to come back and get a rate increase to get their

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profits back up. It lasted for four years. We must go further because we will have to ultimately recycle more. He said don't let anyone say you can't do the composting because it has already been done. It has worked beautifully in other places. It does not smell. It has an infinite market to the gardeners and others who want it.

Mr. Fleischer said he thought it was wonderful that we are doing this. He was glad to see we were the first and happy to know we have the clout to force Ramapo and Orangetown to do it. With that almost 80% of the garbage will be recycled which is a wonderful start for the county. Mr. Fleischer said he applauded the Town Board for doing this.

Appearance: Mr. Philip Bosco
2 Short Street
West Nyack, New York 10994

Mr. Bosco stated that he was a Rockland County Legislator and a member of the Rockland County Legislature's Recycling Committee and the Energy Committee. He said he would respectfully request that the minutes of this be forwarded to those specific committees for their consideration.

Mr. Bosco noted that Cam Gromack, the mother of one of our Rockland County Legislators and a very active person in her own right in town and county government, died yesterday. He respectfully requested that we might adjourn this session in her memory.

Mr. Bosco asked if we know how many home owners do not contract for garbage in the town? Supervisor said we estimate about three to four hundred. The question is whether or not they will be able to continue to take their garbage to the landfill. The answer to that question, under the present system we are proposing, is yes. Mr. Bollman confirmed that it was about the three or four hundred number. Supervisor said we have 19,717 units.

Mr. Bosco said possibly since these people are our true environmentalists and have been recycling everything for some length of time and are giving their newspapers to the boy scouts/girl scouts or whatever, there might be some method considered of an exemption certificate in some shape or form that would get them out of the program and might encourage more people to do true recycling.

Supervisor said if they bring their garbage to the landfill right now they are exempt. Mr. Bosco said they are also still going to the landfill with the paper, etc. and have been right along and now we are going to tell them that we are going to charge them \$70.00 or \$80.00 for that service which they may opt not to be part of. He said we would not be doing any recycling in reference to cardboard, green and brown glass, styrofoam, plastics, etc. Supervisor said that would be added as we move on. Supervisor said if the county could come up with a plan to eliminate solid waste we could know what better direction to move in. If they went to a burning facility we would certainly add plastic. There is no question but that plastic is the most dangerous thing we put up the chimney. If we go to a landfill it might be just as beneficial to take plastic out of there but with a system in operation we could adapt it to changing conditions. Once we get people involved in it it can be expanded.

Mr. Bosco said right now we are talking about leaving out commercial, industrial condos, etc. He asked what percent of that 300 tons we are generating every day in Clarkstown would that consist of? Supervisor said that Clarkstown is 80% residential and about 20% commercial but those commercial properties will be involved in the recycling program once we get this underway. Supervisor said we anticipate that within a six to twelve month

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period that they will also be a part of the program. We do not intend to exempt them. We just felt that at this particular time logicistically 80% of the population is residential and this was the best way to proceed based upon what we have seen in Toronto and other part of our country. Mr. Bosco said he is in the recycling business, not by choice, but he does not see many cans or bottles coming back rinsed.

Mr. Bosco said this evening he spent some time talking to a principal in a recycling firm who resides in New City. He also happens to be a representative of the Empire State Beer Distributors Association in Albany. He asked for a report which he (Mr. Bosco) had borrowed from Mr. Bollman. He said he would request that we allow him to shed some light on things which could prove to be valuable to us. He would try to get something back to us by next week.

Mr. Bosco said we should not be using a front piece of property but we should be looking for something in the back. Front property should be used to generate some revenue for the town. We are looking at a payloader which is a construction piece of equipment and he had reservations about whether we really needed that type of equipment for a recycling operation. Mr. Bollman said it is needed to move the cans and the glass inside the building. Mr. Bosco said it is believed by several people that we can rent trailers that would do the job for stocking these things for \$5.00 a day and that would prove to be much more economical than purchasing trailers at \$40,000.00 each. In the case of aluminum, if we are generating any volume, it would be possible that one of the two major companies would furnish a trailer on site with a machine that would shred and cut it down to size and they would take it away for us so that we would not need a tractor.

Mr. Bosco said in his trade they have been using shed type buildings to keep things out of the weather rather than a permasteel building. He said he would be inclined to favor the 120' x 75' building because he feels that the problem of the two working people in each family in our town would make recycling at the driveway much more difficult than recycling at the landfill. If we had a proper facility with conveyors for sorting there it could prove to be more economical. He said it would be feasible to go after the paper in a separate truck as a separate pick-up in one week, after the tin another week and after the glass in another week rather than investing in seven trucks at some \$70,000.00 each especially when we may or may not generate 10% in recyclable material after a period of about two years. Supervisor said he would say 10% to 30%. Mr. Bosco said professionals say we will do well if at the end of two years with a voluntary program if we can get 10%.

Mr. Bosco said the County certainly has to support a program by the Town of Clarkstown and he said he and the county legislators from the Town of Clarkstown would certainly do the same. He said he was just worried about the intensive capital investment.. He was concerned about a 20 year payout on the bond issue and that we pick the right site because obviously we are unsure of the lifespan of our landfill. We must have a site for construction and demolition debris for an undetermined time.

Supervisor said the experts at the Landfill, Mr. Bollman and Mr. Velzy located the site and we did look at other sites but this was the most feasible and the best. Mr. Bollman agreed with that.

Mr. Bosco said he would bring back his notes to the Legislature. He requested that a copy of the minutes be sent to Mr. Saverese and Mr. Clark, who are Chairmen of the committees he mentioned earlier.

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Appearance: Ms. Eleanor Burlingham

Ms. Burlingham said she was delighted that Clarkstown is leading the way on this issue. She mentioned that she had just attended a meeting in Chestnut Ridge with the Chrystal Run people and the Cooperative Extension which are two groups very interested in getting into this type of program in the area south of Spring Valley. A municipality is the place to start. She said she knew some people felt that Orangetown, Ramapo, etc. should take care of their own. However, it was mentioned at the meeting she had just attended that Clarkstown's tipping fee is \$6.00 and the one for the other towns will be about \$60.00 and therefore she felt the Town of Clarkstown should make money which they should in leading the way on this issue. She said the State of Rhode Island had just begun this program and to everyone's amazement something like 85% of the people joined in. The word has gone out that this is the way to go and she said her organizations were very grateful to the Town Board.

Appearance: Mr. Howard Pound
Stratford Place
New City, New York 10956

Mr. Pound asked for clarification regarding the grass pick-up. Supervisor said the pick-up right now is one day a year but we are proposing that this be included in the bulk pick-up which will be one day a month. Mr. Pound said he packs about 5 bags a week and if you stock that all up for one day a month you would need a gas mask to get by the odor of the grass that is sitting in the sun. Supervisor said that is something that we will take a look at. Mr. Bollman said we are also talking about maybe leaving it as it is now. Those people who want to contract for a weekly service or bi-weekly can still do that. If people want to bring it down to the landfill there is no charge and they can still do that too. Grass is one of the items that has been yet been fully clarified.

Appearance: Mr. Martus Granirer
West Branch Conservation Assn.
South Mountain Road
New City, New York 10956

Mr. Granirer asked if there would be an assessment against vacant land in this program? Supervisor Holbrook said the assessment on the capital cost of the recycling will be against the entire assessed valuation of the town because it will be a public benefit to all Clarkstown residents - that's the capital expenditures. The user charge will be only for those people who benefit from the service - initially residences and then additionally, very shortly thereafter, commercial properties. Mr. Granirer said he followed the logic but that it just made sense to put the burden of a social problem on the society that creates it. The more the people who cause the problem pay for it the more likely they are to be conscious of what they are doing.

Mr. Granirer said on behalf of Westbranch he has often come before this board do raise questions that are essentially environmental questions highlighted by development issues which the Town Board is considering. He said its often been a development issue which brought him here and he was pleased that conflict between the environment and endless development becomes as visible as it does when there is a solid waste crunch. He said it was very good that the Town has taken the leadership in recognizing that the environment cannot become a side issue much longer. Ultimately the problem won't be solved until we find out how to make less waste rather than to just recycle but that is not a question that Clarkstown can solve. He was pleased that we are taking the steps that can be taken by producing the volume of garbage that will end up in the town landfill by providing for the recycling which is very good.

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The recycling program will give a consciousness of the environment to many people who might otherwise disregard it. It makes people be aware that they have resources that they have to be careful of. It brings about a certain readiness to change.

Appearance: Ms. Audrey Paley
5 Avon Lane
New City, New York 10956

Ms. Paley said she was the Chairperson of the Litter Control Bureau. However, she said she was only speaking for herself since they have not had a meeting at which they were able to read and discuss the report. She said even if they do read and discuss the report they do not always speak with one voice. She said she invited other members to address the board with their own questions. She said she was delighted to see Clarkstown taking this step and addressing current problems and the future as well. She said the part of the plan with which she is concerned is the part of the town that we have always been concerned about - litter. She said you are now proposing to have bulk pick-up once a month for twelve months instead of once a year for a period of three months. Supervisor said it was actually once a year but we picked it up twelve months. Ms. Paley said exactly.

Ms. Paley noted that the board had said in their report that they might suspend this during December, January and February and therefore it could just reduce itself to nine months rather than twelve months. She referred to the 48 hour rule of the litter not being placed at the curb for longer than 48 hours. We have this same rule now and it doesn't work. People put their bulk items out months in advance of the pick-up and the town looks like a dump all summer. Now it will look like a dump from January to December unless there is some kind of monitoring that is done by the Police Department, the Highway Department, the Building Department to make sure that homeowners are actually not putting this out.

Supervisor said Ms. Paley was making a very crucial point and it has gotten out of hand with the putting out of the bulk. Once this system is in force that will be strictly enforced because then there will be no excuse to have a large bulk item out on the curb for a month so that it becomes an eyesore. In the information we will give out to the residents it will be spelled out very specifically that this is more cost effective, improved service. It will be service that will have rules attached to it because the intention is not to make our town less attractive but more attractive.

Ms. Paley said that the Supervisor had also mentioned that because we might suspend the bulk pick-up during the months of December, January and February we are also receiving charges. Supervisor said charges would be reduced if that were the case but he thought it was the intention of the Board to keep it at twelve months per year. Ms. Paley said we do have to concern ourselves with the snow removal and with bulk pick-up items out there it could be difficult. People do not know that curbside is to the side of the curb and everything winds up in the curb.

Supervisor said if we start from scratch and present a comprehensive policy to people, which is simple -- Ms. Paley said if we keep it simple and we enforce it that will be the secret. She said we are hopeful that with all the extra time that the Highway Department will have they will be able to pull the illegal signs down.

Appearance: Ms. Rosemary Seery
15 Flitt Street
West Nyack, New York 10994

Ms. Seery asked why during those months people couldn't just call if they had bulk items for pick-up. Councilman Lettre

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said another option if it was not included on a twelve month basis that there would be some type of arrangement made where they would have to notify the carter on the run previous to when they would be putting it out. Supervisor said if there is a snowstorm in town and maybe the carter doesn't get to you that day, by the next day or even that night they usually do get through.

Mrs. Seery said but just in those three months (December, January and February) instead of having one specific day a month for bulk pick-up why not just tell people if they have a bulk item to call it in.

Mrs. Seery said the containers were inadequate. Supervisor referred to pictures he had. There was considerable discussion regarding the amount of glass, paper, etc. Supervisor said in Canada the first couple of weeks they had the recycling program they experienced a very heavy volume particularly of newspaper. After that initial peak flow people got into a routine and you would see that people would have the box out once a week and some people would have it out once every two weeks. People adjusted. In very large families obviously there will be more but the boxes that we saw, and after this program was in operation, very few had little packages alongside. People usually try to be neat about putting out their garbage and if it is picked up that day it should not be too much of a problem. For most people the container will be big enough.

Councilwoman Smith said she agreed especially if you go away from plastic back to glass. Supervisor said for that you might have to go to a different container. Councilwoman Smith said that she felt it really was too small. We do not want to add to litter on the side of it. She would also request that it be changed to green to blend in a little better. Mr. Bollman said most glass would be deposit glass and not put out at the curb.

Mrs. Seery said the leaves and the grass in plastic bags - over in Hastings in Westchester they have heavy duty brown recyclable bags. Supervisor said the whole key to the leaf situation is to get the leaves up and that means that we have to get them up in vacuums. That is the most effective way of doing it without using plastic bags. We have to be able to go into the areas where there is a heavy concentration of leaves and not go through the whole town once but continue swings where the leaves are, pick them up and get them to the compost site. Mrs. Seery said you are talking about machines that would vacuum them up. She stated that in Orangetown the people commend that type of machinery and it is doing a wonderful job.

Mrs. Seery said the monthly pick-ups are absolutely necessary because in the last two or three years it has been insane. You can't put it out the night before if you have a tremendous amount. Mrs. Seery inquired about the people who bring their own garbage to the landfill. She asked if they could possibly be assigned a certain day to bring their garbage to the landfill so it could be checked to make sure they are separating properly. Supervisor said that would have to be worked out at the landfill. We would not be accepting garbage there that would not be recycled but that will have to be worked on.

Mrs. Seery said we should also have large containers in various colors for different items placed around schools and shopping centers, etc. This would help to keep the town a little cleaner too.

Appearance: Stanley Kutcher, Esq.
Attorney for the Carters

He said some question has been raised here about picking up on a twelve months basis as opposed to a nine month

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basis. He said the carters have demonstrated that they can handle these pick-ups during the winter months. He said he did not think there was any problem during the snowstorms and they get there even if it is late at night. You can expect the same sort of reliable service for bulk pick-up as you get for the garbage pick-up. As to the suggestion of the people calling the carters to come and pick-up that would not be a good idea as far as they are concerned because then instead of a regular orderly pick-up it would become a haphazard thing where people would be calling up in different sections and asking the carters to come and that would not be an orderly way to get rid of the bulk. The idea of bulk pick-up once a month is much more preferable as far as they are concerned.

Appearance: Ms. Rosalie Zevnik
West Nyack, New York

She asked if they had compared their proposals with those already in operation in certain areas in New Jersey as the talk seemed to be all about Toronto? Supervisor said basically most of this is relatively new about the country in many communities. We did visit a number of them. This is one of the containers we saw in Toronto. It does not mean it has to be the one we will use.

Councilwoman Smith asked Mrs. Zevnik to what towns in New Jersey she referred? She said there were many but specifically mentioned Spring Lake, New Jersey.

Appearance: Mr. Steven Kunis
4 Wingate Drive
New City, New York

Mr. Kunis mentioned the program in Oyster Bay, New York and said they had instituted a very successful program not only with pick-up and separation but they have turned their recycling program into a tremendous profit maker for the town. He said that is one of the advantages to this program. He commended the Town Board for instituting this new program and he felt it was going to be a huge success in Clarkstown. The people in Clarkstown are going to be very positive about this. He said the Town of Clarkstown has got to make every effort to turn this waste into profit and he felt it was there. This program could probably pay for itself within a three year time period. He asked the Town Board to look into the Oyster Bay program and said he has literature on it. It is a fine example.

There being no one further wishing to be heard on motion of Councilman Lettre, seconded by Councilman Maloney and unanimously adopted, the public hearing was declared closed, RESOLUTION OF INTENT ADOPTED, time: 9:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. (1060-1987)

RESOLUTION OF INTENT RE
CREATION OF GARBAGE AND
REFUSE DISTRICT IN TOWN OF
CLARKSTOWN

Co. Lettre offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby intends to create a Refuse and Garbage District in the Town of Clarkstown pending the completion of the SEQRA review.

Seconded by Co. Maloney

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Lettre said before he voted that he wanted to state that this was a long time in coming. It is an aggressive, bold step on the part of this Town Board. It is only a beginning. The next, and probably most important, stage is going to be the education of the people in the community and that is going to be a

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job that this Town Board must take on in diligent fashion and move forward to educate the people of the Town of Clarkstown. Every person we educate will extend the life of the landfill and will bring extra financial benefit to the Town also. He said he is very proud.

Councilwoman Smith said she would like to take into consideration many of the recommendations made tonight mainly the color of the container, the size and that it should have an attachable or separate lid. We do not want to add to the litter. She said she thought the program would meet with huge success since all of the residents are so positive in their pleas for it.

Supervisor Holbrook said he would like to commend the Town Board and Mr. Bollman, the Town Attorney's office and staff for helping to put this together. He said it was not his work. It is their work. He also commended the people of the Town of Clarkstown for taking the time to think about the environment and understand it. He said the people are more than willing to work to improve the appearance of our town and to provide better service at a more affordable cost and most importantly to improve our environment.

Councilman Lettre said he would like to thank the carters and the carters association for their cooperation in the implementation of this plan and we look forward to working with them in a cooperative venture on behalf of the people of the Town of Clarkstown.

Supervisor said he was certainly remiss in not mentioning them because without them the program could not go forward. Supervisor also mentioned the Sanitation Commission - Mr. Danahy who was present for the entire meeting. Mr. Burns is also present. Without their guidance we could not have gone forward with this. As a result of this they will be playing a very important role in the implementation of this.

Supervisor also thanked the Litter Control Bureau since all of this is tied together. Their input was very important.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Carey.....	Yes
Councilman Lettre.....	Yes
Councilman Maloney.....	Yes
Councilwoman Smith.....	Yes
Supervisor Holbrook.....	Yes

Supervisor asked that the meeting be ended in memory of Cam Gromack, former employee of the Town of Clarkstown, who passed away yesterday. Councilman Lettre asked everyone to rise for a moment. Meeting ended, time: 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sheridan
PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk

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