

**Press Statement
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Re: New Residential Waste Hauling Contract

Effective January 1, 2023 the Village of Roscoe will be entering into a new five-year agreement with Waste Management for residential waste hauling at a rate of \$25.50 per month. Services include weekly collection of residential waste (garbage) and one bulk items per week, bi-weekly collection of recyclable materials, and seasonal collection of yard waste.

December 31, 2022 marks the end of the current five-year franchise agreement for residential waste hauling in the Village of Roscoe. After some initial negotiations with the current vendor, it became clear that we would once again need to issue a public solicitation of competitive bids in an effort to secure the lowest possible price for our residents.

On October 4, 2022 the Village Board officially authorized the solicitation of bids through a publicly issued Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP process ran from October 10, 2022 through 10:00am November 7, 2022 at which time the sealed bids were opened publicly and read aloud. As the Winnebago County region is essentially served by just two waste collection companies, the Village received just two bids, from Rock River Disposal (Waste Connections) and from Waste Management. The Village Board evaluated pricing submitted for various scopes of service and determined that of several options, the lowest overall cost to the greatest number of residents was for a scope that included weekly collection of residential refuse (garbage) including one bulk item per week, bi-weekly collection of recyclable materials, and seasonal collection of yard waste. Waste Management provided the lowest price at \$25.50 per month as compared to \$26.90 as proposed by Rock River Disposal.

On November 15 at the regularly scheduled meeting, the Board voted to authorize awarding the franchise agreement to Waste Management at the quoted price of \$25.50 per month (billed quarterly in the amount of \$76.50). This pricing structure will take effect January 1, 2023. As Waste Management continues to bill in advance, invoices for the first quarter of 2023 reflecting the new rates are already hitting mailboxes throughout Roscoe.

The Village is aware that this new agreement represents a significant increase from the previous rate of \$15.00 per month, a rate that was negotiated in late 2017 and which

went into effect at the start of 2018. Since that time, there have been a number of market variables that have driven up the cost of waste collection. Fuel and labor cost have risen, inflation in general has had a significant toll on operating costs, there has been an 20%-25% increase in residential waste volume, and perhaps most significantly the entire recycling industry has shifted dramatically over the past five years resulting in significantly increased cost the collection companies.

We understand that this comes as unwelcome news to the residents of Roscoe. Please know that the Village has done everything in its power to oversee a fair, transparent process to ensure that lowest possible price for our residents. Our residents have been fortunate to benefit from an exceptionally low rate for the past five years, and this increase, while not desirable, is likely an overdue correction that brings prices in Roscoe more in line with our surrounding communities.

For additional information, or for questions regarding the above information please contact Village Administrator Scott Sanders at (815) 623-2829, or by email at ssanders@villageofroscoe.com