



The following advisory, non-binding question will be on the April 5th voting ballot:

“Should the Town of Greenfield cease to provide garbage drop-off at the Recycling Center and have town-wide curbside pickup for all residents?”

Reason for referendum: enough people have expressed it would be nice to have curbside pickup and from the feedback on wanting curbside pickup during last year’s annual mtg. To be fair, the town board wanted to get all resident’s opinions on the issue. In the end, the final decision will be made by the town board.

Information from March 9, 2022 Town Board Meeting

- Refuse & Recycling is available to all the residents in the Town of Greenfield.
- “Curbside” -picking up your garbage and recyclables at each of the resident’s homes; whether rural, in a subdivision, or in the village.
- Question: Would haulers come down individual driveways to pick up garbage? – Up to hauler. Pickup is usually at the end of driveways next to main roads.
- Curbside pickup would be a convenience for some residents. Some households already pay to have this service at their own expense.
- Resident stated living on a hill makes pickup less desirable.
- Resident stated its a plus paying local residents to work at the center and workers have been very helpful to older/ sometimes injured residents in helping with garbage and recycling drop off.
- Contract with Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling Service will end on April 30, 2023. Town would make a decision by this fall on which collection option to use.
- No concrete costs for curbside pickup until formal bidding process; bids would be obtained from all haulers that service the area.
- Estimated cost of curbside pickup: Hilltopper 2021 contract cost \$78,000 + 40% more = roughly \$110,000. * Comparable to expenses paid for Recycling Center- **See Chart**
- Cost for refuse and recycling comes out of the town budget, some towns have extra assessments. Town budgeted \$117,900 for the whole Recycling Center operation for 2022 from the taxes collected.
- Roughly 800 addresses in the town. Cost per household will differ for everyone depending on their property’s assessed value. Last year, homeowners roughly paid \$52.41 per \$100,000 towards the Refuse & Recycling Center service. For example; if your property value was 300,000 last year, you paid \$157.23 (3 x52.41= 157.23).
- Question of bins and containers costs, likely be part of overall contract.
- Bins would remain loose due to automated pickup, except for dumpsters.
- If a curbside pickup option was selected, a proposal would be that garbage be collected weekly. Would review different recycling options available thru hauler. Some companies do not separate out recyclables from the refuse.
- There will be no income to the town from the recyclables that are picked up from individual homes.
- Options could include periodic large item pickup throughout the year. Metal fees collected could help with any extra costs for this. Pays for Shelby’s large item pickup.

- The La Crosse County Hazardous Waste site is another option for recycling some items. Contract with County is a yearly standard expense.
- The Recycling Center could remain open for grass clippings, leaves, and brush disposal.
- If the Recycle Center is totally closed, it is unlikely that it could be reopened, due to the site being grandfathered in ~per Recycling Center manager
- Concerns about recycling center being next to creek; contamination? Everything is put in bins.
- The Recycling center land could be sold for profit if closed.

Amount from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021								
Incomes:			Expenses:					
Recycling Business:	Alter Metal	\$	3,865.57	Contract:	Hilltopper Expense	\$	77,896.24	
	Hilltopper Refuse	\$	448.75		Landfill contract with County	\$	3,124.75	
	Runde Metal Recycling	\$	278.85		Contract Total	\$	81,020.99	
	Business Total	\$	4,593.17					
Recycling Residents:	Jan	\$	419.00	Recycling Wages:	Ludwigson, Thomas	\$	3,047.76	
	Feb	\$	170.00		Schmaltz, Steve	\$	2,397.87	
	March	\$	775.00		Hoeth, Kenneth	\$	4,160.79	
	April	\$	720.00		Jacobson, Dale A	\$	7,664.22	
	May	\$	603.00		Blegen, Chris	\$	72.50	
	June	\$	632.00		Wichman, Steven P	\$	59.76	
	July	\$	506.00		Total Wages	\$	17,402.90	
	August	\$	998.00	Clothing Allowance	Ludwigson, Thomas	\$	100.00	
	Sept	\$	468.00		Schmaltz, Steve	\$	100.00	
	Oct	\$	673.00		Hoeth, Kenneth	\$	200.00	
	Nov/Dec	\$	499.00		Jacobson, Dale A	\$	200.00	
	Resident Total	\$	6,463.00	Total Clothing	\$	600.00		
	Recycling Grant:	2021 recycling Grant Award	\$	1,530.86	Utilities:	Vernon Electric Cooperative	\$	1,075.58
Total Income 2021			\$ 12,587.03	Miscellaneous:	Cameras and installation	\$	342.66	
					heater for compactor and first aid kit	\$	92.80	
					RECYCLING FLIER	\$	328.53	
					Limitless Graphics and Design, LLC	\$	105.50	
					Rock Oil Refining	\$	60.00	
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					Credit Card Charge for Sign	\$	10.66	
					Used storage container w/ delivery	\$	3,000.00	
					Concrete work (not completed)	\$	7,000.00	
					Total Miscellaneous	\$	11,030.15	
					Total Expenses 2021	\$	111,129.62	
Net Expense from 2021			\$	98,542.59				

* Please note that some expenses are a 'one-time' expense but 'one-time' expenses occur each year. Just different items make up that 'one-time' expense from year to year.

- Information has continued to evolve and we will keep people posted as we learn more.
- Vote on April 5 and make your voices heard!