

Update regarding Public Hearing on Ordinance #132

The past two months at our council meeting, we held a public hearing regarding garbage pickup and containers. We thank you for attending and helping us figure out some solutions to such issues.

To clarify, we are not looking to force anyone to purchase a new container. As always, we do have village approved containers for sale. We currently have 96 gallon containers for \$70.50 (the Village is NOT making a profit). These containers are compatible with our truck and make life much easier on our crew and hold quite a bit of bags.

The current ordinance states (actual ordinance can be viewed on the village website) Garbage must be in a container or in a plastic garbage bag and no loose garbage. Cardboard is considered loose garbage. With online shopping, our crew has seen a significant increase in cardboard. They have always picked it up despite the fact that it was against what the ordinance stated. Recently there was such an increase and cardboard/garbage everywhere, the DPW crew decided to start tagging it and refused pickup.

The Street Department Committee recently met with the crew yesterday to figure out a solution. Until the ordinance can be updated (it takes actual months to update an ordinance) we ask you to do the following:

- Please make sure garbage is in bags inside your container or placed in actual garbage bags the morning of pickup.
- Breakdown all cardboard and place next to your garbage if it will not fit inside your container. If you have multiple boxes, please place them inside another box no larger than 2x2x2. Please protect from rain and snow as wet cardboard is impossible to lift without a mess.

We did try recycling but it was not received well and was not cost effective. There is another entity that we are very willing to work with that is working towards offering this service again. To purchase a cardboard compactor at this time would not make much sense if this service becomes available. (There are a lot of other things on the necessary list)

We do feel the DPW does a great job. They were more than receptive to compromising on these issues.

We are transparent of our goals and ideas that we are trying to achieve.

We meet every third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

All are welcome to attend. We encourage it actually.