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Mat Glennon indicated that purchase of easements for this program would control growth in the school district. It is cheaper to buy the easements than to educate the children coming into our schools.

Matt Glennon recommended that the Board set up a working committee and hold a Workshop Meeting to work on this. He felt that we could dedicate some of the funds from the Landfill, use money from the Trust Fund or even set up an Open Space Tax. The Township funds for this program would be sent to the County and they will be matched by the State. The only problem is that we are not assured that the money would be spent in Plainfield Township.

Ron Meckler informed the Board that after sitting in on Long Range Planning Committee Meetings, that he didn't see any way that we could see the Township looking like it is now unless we have an interest in exploring these options. He felt that this would be a missed opportunity if we didn't do something.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COG ORDINANCE:

Motion was made by Matt Glennon and seconded by Ron Meckler to adopt Ordinance #288 – Ordinance Approving Plainfield Township to become a member of the Slate Belt Council of Governments. Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

GCS HOST AGREEMENT:

Solicitor Backenstoe reported that Plainfield Township has a Landfill in the municipality. The Township has entered into an Agreement wherein the Landfill pays a fee to the community in which it is located. Because of the expansion, the agreement can be revised.

Matt Glennon and William Schmauder, along with Solicitor Backenstoe, worked on revising the agreement. The final draft has been prepared and is ready for approval by the Board, subject to review at tonight's meeting.

The terms of the agreement are defined in accordance with Act 101.

The agreement provides for reservation of capacity for Plainfield Township residents for the life of the Landfill.

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Fee schedule:

Existing Act 101 Host Municipal Fee	\$1.00 per ton
Additional Fee for Township	\$1.00 per ton
Township Business Privilege Tax	\$0.45 per ton
Additional amount due upon Southern Expansion Approval by PA DEP, and Which approval is not appealed by Plainfield Township	\$0.50 per ton
Additional amount due commencing On October 1, 2008 (Presuming Southern Expansion Approval by PaDEP, and Provided the approval is not appealed By Plainfield Township	<u>\$0.15 per ton</u>
TOTAL FEES/TAX AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008	\$3.10 per ton

Solicitor Backenstoe indicated that the additional \$1.00 per ton fee would be used to provide free garbage pick-up for the Township.

Tim Frankenfield indicated that he would like to see the Fire Company get a portion of the fees.

Solicitor Backenstoe indicated that the Board would need to discuss this.

Matt Glennon felt that the Board should hire an accounting service to see how the money should be spent. He would like to see funding from this agreement to be used for Open Space Farmland Preservation.

Ron Meckler and Ken Field felt that we should adopt the agreement as it is and have the Board of Supervisors decide how to divvy up the money for budgetary purposes.

Motion was made by Matt Glennon and seconded by Ken Field to adopt the GCS Host Community Agreement as presented and incorporate a consultant for handling of the funds.

Prior to taking a vote on this motion, Tim Frankenfield indicated that he felt that the Board needed to lock garbage pick-up into the agreement. He informed the Board that everyone in the Township approaches him about this. Both Pen Argyl Borough and Wind Gap Borough have free garbage pick-up and we need to do this also.

Solicitor Backenstoe informed the Board that what they would need to do would be to execute a Mandatory Garbage Pick-Up Ordinance requiring the residents/property

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
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The Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006 at the Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, Pa. 18064.

The following Supervisors were in attendance: Mike Engler, Chairman, Tim Frankenfield, Vice-Chairman, Ron Meekler, Matt Glennon and Joe Lerch. Also present were Treasurer, Virginia Koehler and Executive Secretary, Joyce Lambert.

Chairman, Tim Frankenfield called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE TOWNSHIP-WIDE REFUSE REMOVAL BIDS:

Matt Glennon went over the financial picture of the Township. The Board has renegotiated the Act 101 Host Fees for the Waste Management/Grand Central Sanitary Landfill Expansion Permit.

Waste Management went through the Conditional Use Hearing and received the Board's approval. In conjunction with that approval, Waste Management opened up the agreement for the Act 101 Host Fees. The agreement gives the Township \$.45 per ton, which goes into the Trust Fund and can't be used until the Landfill closes; \$1.00 per ton goes into the General Fund and is part of the yearly Township Budget; an additional \$1.00 per ton is now being given to the Township and this is going into a Retro-Fund. The Township will also receive an additional \$.50 per ton once the Expansion Permit is approved and an additional \$.15 per ton will come in the future.

Urban Research and Development Corporation was hired to do a Needs Assessment for the Township.

As part of the Conditional Use Approval, the residents anticipated free garbage, as Wind Gap Borough and Pen Argyl Borough receive. Waste Management couldn't give the Township free garbage because they currently didn't have a contract with Plainfield Township, so they had no idea what the costs for this would be. They also did not want to put the Mom & Pop garbage companies out of business.

Waste Management could provide free garbage for Wind Gap and Pen Argyl because they currently had contracts with these municipalities so they could figure out the long-term costs.

Matt felt that the Board wanted to provide garbage services to the residents, but also wasn't sure how you could provide something for free when you don't know the cost. He

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felt that it would be more feasible to subsidize the Municipal Residential pick-up instead of offering free pick-up

Matt also noted that although we were receiving an additional \$1.00 per ton from Waste Management, there were other areas that the Board felt that this money should be used such as the Community Park, long-term support for the Plainfield Fire Company and Open Space and Farmland Preservation. URDC was hired because the Board felt that they needed to pin down how much they want to devote to each category. Now Waste Management has cut down on the tonnage they are taking in on a daily basis because their Expansion Permit Application has been put on hold because of the Harms and Benefits portion of the application. Without this permit, the landfill will run out of space around June of 2007.

With the tonnage being cut down, the funds the Township are receiving have also been cut down.

At this time, Sam Augustino, General Manager of J.P. Mascaro presented a brief overview of his company and the benefits of locking into a long-term refuse removal contract for the Township residents.

Mr. Augustino reported that J.P. Mascaro is the largest private waste removal company on the east coast. They have 4 company landfills, and the waste from Plainfield Township would go to the Bucks County Landfill. In five to ten years, the refuse would then go to the West Virginia Landfills.

Mr. Augustino indicated that the Township has put in place a Bid Specifications for a Comprehensive "Bonded" Contract with one waste hauler. With a contract, the price would stay the same unless there was an additional state tax increase.

He indicated that although the specifications called for refuse to be picked up on two days, they are looking to possibly doing pick-up in the Township one day per week. The contract also calls for pick-up of large bulk items every other week and recycling every other week. The contract the Township has put together really takes care of the Township residents and provides for numerous services.

The contract also provides that they must supply the Township with written documentation of the tonnage every week. This is for both the refuse and the recycling being picked up.

This Township-Wide Refuse Removal Contract will provide a cleaner, better, more consistent program for the residents of Plainfield Township and the community.