

**ADRIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
RAISIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
AUGUST 9, 2018  
10:00 a.m.**

Following the pledge to the flag, Supervisor Koehn (Adrian) and Supervisor Witt (Raisin) opened the joint meeting. Roll call was taken of the Adrian Charter Township board members present: Jim Malarney, Steve May, Rob Hosken, Jim Koehn, Ray Thompson and Ben Ruesink. Mike Herr was absent. Raisin Charter Township Board Members were also present.

This Special Meeting is held to discuss the recycling program that both Townships have with Modern Waste Systems.

- Phil Duckham, President and Bill Thomas, the Operations Manager were present
- A 3-year annual recycling comparison chart between various governmental and waste associated companies show tonnage collected ending 2018 was distributed

Public Comment – None

Mr. Duckman stated Modern Waste is losing money processing current recycling bins located at both townships.

- Costs have went from a profit of \$50 per ton to a cost of \$80 per ton to dispose of.
  - Must charge \$130 a load to break even
  - Adrian Township averaged 34 loads per month
  - Raisin Township averaged 32 loads per month
- China is no longer the market for recyclable bales of plastic
  - Was accepting loads with up to 30% contamination rate
  - Today's contamination rate is less than .5%
- The only market for cardboard today is the Detroit Incinerator.
- It is cheaper manufacture new glass than grind and reprocess.
- Modern Waste will continue to collect recycling from its curbside customers.
  - Non-customers can purchase the blue recycling bag offered for \$.75

Public Comment – None

Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rob Hosken, Clerk

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James Koehn, Supervisor