

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH
SOLID WASTE, CABLE TV, SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Village Hall, 130 N. Chestnut St. Lower-level board room (East rear entrance)

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Meeting ID: 876 4890 1425

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AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Discuss/Possible Action on amendments to Village Code Chapter 11 relating to Solid Waste and Recycling and the Village Landfill.
3. Discuss/Possible Action on a possible community residential Refuse/Recyclable Material Hauler Request for Proposal.
4. Adjourn

Please note that members of the Village Board may attend the meeting for information only, no official action of the Village Board will occur at the Meeting.

Tony Hines, Chairperson

Posted at the Village of Ellsworth, Library, and Village website
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Agenda #2 – Discuss/Possible Action on amendments to Village Code Chapter 11 relating to Solid Waste and Recycling and the Village Landfill.

Chapter 11 of the Village Ordinance contains provisions that no longer reflect current Village practices regarding refuse disposal and collection. The ordinance identifies the Village landfill as an acceptable disposal site for refuse; however, the Village Board previously approved limiting the site's use to yard waste only. In addition, the ordinance permits residents to place garbage in bags for collection by the Village's garbage hauler, although bagged garbage collection has not been available for several years.

Staff is proposing the following changes the ordinance, so it is more accurate with current conditions: (~~strikethrough~~ is deletion and underline is addition)

11.10 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING.

11.10(1)(a)(14) - "Demolitiondebrislandddisposalfacility" means a site used only to dispose of demolition debris,~~including the Village landfill.~~

11.10(3)(e) - Suitable containers of a type approved by the Village and its contract Refuse/Recyclable Materials Hauler shall be provided and used by the property Owner or Tenant in which to store allsolid wasteandrecyclable materials except for bulky or certain yard wastes as providedherein. Only recyclablecartsprovided by the Hauler and approved by the Village shall be used for storage of recyclable materials. Refuse shall be stored incarts provided by the Hauler,~~or in bags in a size approved by the Hauler for curbside refuse pick-up.~~ Containers shall provide for efficient, safe and sanitary handling of solid wastes. They shall be maintainedin a nuisanceand odor-freecondition and shall be sufficient to prevent the scattering of contents by weather conditions or animals. Container and canister sites shall be screened by neat and attractive material where exposed to public view. All such containers shall be emptied not less than weekly.

11.10(4) Residential Refuse and Recycling Material Collection and Disposal.

11.10(4)(a) - The Village shall contract with a Refuse/Recyclable Materials Hauler to collect and dispose of household refuse and recyclables from all single family, two family and three family residences in the Village. [Ord. 393, 631 02/13].

11.10(4) (b) - Such collection and disposal shall be by a Hauler, as the Village Board may from time- to-time determine. [Ord. 631 02/13]

11.10(4)(c) - The residents of all single family, two family and three family residences shall place the refuse and recycling to be collected from the

property in carts approved by the Village and supplied by its Hauler, ~~or in plastic or similar types garbage bags (which bags shall not exceed 33 gallons in volume)~~. Only one recyclable material cart shall be furnished for each residence. ~~Where carts are used~~ The property owner shall pay a monthly service fee, paid quarterly, in accordance with a schedule of fees from time-to-time established by the Village Board in its contract with the Hauler. All refuse and recyclable materials shall be placed at the curb or Lot line of the property not later than 6:00 a.m. on the day on which collection is to be made. Neither refuse nor recyclable materials may be placed at curbside more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Collection shall be made on Mondays of each week except where Monday falls on Christmas day, in which case pick-up shall be on the following Tuesday. Lost, damaged or destroyed carts whether used for recyclable materials or refuse purposes, shall be replaced at the expense of the resident.

11.10(4)(d) - The Village Board hereby imposes a monthly service charge for recycling ~~and a per bag collection fee~~ to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Village Board and/or contract between the Village and the Hauler. ~~Where the resident uses a bag to dispose of refuse, which bag shall not exceed 33 gallons, a refuse disposal sticker must be placed on each such bag. Such refuse disposal stickers shall be available at the office of the Village Clerk.~~

11.10(4)(e) - Where refuse or recyclable materials are left at curb side and are not in proper containers, and therefore not picked up by the Hauler, ~~or where refuse is left in a bag for collection without sticker, or where the bag exceeds 33 gallons in size and the Hauler does not pick up such refuse or recyclable material,~~ then the Village or its designee may pick up and dispose of such refuse or recyclable material and assess the property owner a charge, as is established from time-to-time by resolution of the Village Board, ~~for each 33-gallon bag or refuse or recyclable material, or its equivalent, so collected.~~ On or about October 15 of each year the Village Clerk shall send a notice to the occupants of all residences whose refuse was so picked up setting forth the additional charge assessed against them for the preceding fiscal year, and directing said owner to pay the charge assessed on or before November 1, and if not so paid, to levy the same as a tax against the lot or parcel or real estate in which the refuse collection service was furnished and for which payment was not made. All proceedings in relation to the collection of general property taxes and to the return and sale of property for delinquent taxes, as provided by State Law, shall apply to such charge if the same is not paid within the time required by law for payment of taxes upon real estate.

11.10(4)(f) - Household hazardous wastes shall not be placed in refuse ~~collection bags or~~ carts nor in recyclable material carts. All household hazardous wastes shall be disposed of by the property owner at the semi-annual collection of such wastes by the Pierce County Recycling Facility or in other approved manner for disposal of household hazardous wastes. [Ord 631 02/13]

11.10(4)(g) - White goods and all other non-recyclable refuse too large for the provided container ~~for a 33-gallon garbage bag~~ and not acceptable in the

Village landfill shall be placed at curbside for pickup pursuant to prior arrangement of a refuse disposal contractor.

11.10(4)(h) - ~~Demolition debris, clean fill and~~ yard wastes may be disposed in the Village landfill as provided in Section 11.14.

11.14 VILLAGE LANDFILL.

(1) Only residents of the Village of Ellsworth shall be permitted to dispose of yard waste at the Village landfill. ~~Any resident using said landfill may dispose only his or her own refuse, and all such refuse shall have as its origin the Village of Ellsworth. No resident contracting to provide or otherwise providing refuse collection or dumping services shall dispose of such refuse in the Village landfill.~~

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the changes. If so, staff will draft a formal ordinance amendment for Village Board approval.

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Agenda #3 – Discuss/Possible Action on a possible community residential Refuse/Recyclable Material Hauler Request for Proposal

The Village Ordinance 11.10(4)(a) states, "The Village shall contract with a Refuse/Recyclable Materials Hauler to collect and dispose of household refuse and recyclables from all single family, two family and three family residences in the Village."

The current contract with GFL will expire at the end of the year. The last record of the Village receiving bids for the service was in 2012.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Committee determine whether an RFP for a community residential Refuse/Recyclable Material Hauler should be drafted for Village Board approval.