



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK**

**PUBLIC HEARING
(PROPOSED SANITATION USER FEES)
MINUTES**

Monday, December 17, 2012 6:15 pm

City Hall

Chairwoman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Ken Stickle – 118 Catharine Street – Just simple facts. The Council has already explained to everybody that has a one, two or three family house, that is individually living in that house. As long as you can support the deposition that you are the only person living in that house, you will be charged for a single family home, from the way that I understood.

Chairwoman Johnson: Well, we're going to have Corporation Counsel, Mr. Ackermann, come out and explain that section of the local law.

Ken Stickle: Number two, as I said, we have to reduce the amount of solid waste we send to the Burning Plant or to any other facility that is taking in our solid waste. So, when I proposed the three cans, it's not that I'm saying that everybody should have three cans of garbage out there. I'm saying that one is for compost, one is for recyclables and one is for solid waste. The less waste we send out to the Burning Plant, the less money we send out to the County or to anyone else that is disposing of our solid waste. Not everybody has a computer, not everybody emails, so we do have to be educated, because our school system does not recycle in the City of Poughkeepsie in case people don't realize that. Most of our kids don't even know what it is to take their tray and dump their solid waste into one can, their biodegradables into another can, and so on and so forth. So, every portion of the City cannot say they know about recycling. We need to educate everybody in this manner. To tell you the truth, if we can get the weight down – whatever we're taking to the solid waste plant, we could see the fee of \$22.00 to \$29.00 per household go down to maybe \$18.00 next year. This year we were going to raise the taxes 13% to keep our Sanitation Department. Next year, it would be another 13 - 15%. I was one of the people sitting here yelling to raise my taxes. I can get around this. I can

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still write this off. If I don't pay my bill, I get it added to my tax bill. I'm hoping everyone is not going to do that, but every year we're going to have to raise the taxes to keep the Sanitation guys. Our guys not only pick up the garbage, they remove our leaves, they cut our grass, they plow our streets...I can't even tell you how many different things these guys do. They have many hats. I would've paid the 13%, but I'm glad to pay the \$22.00 per week.

Dated: March 6, 2013

I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain