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Those of you who regularly attend or view our bi-monthly meetings know that Township Committee has decided to end our contract with Republic Services for trash and recycling collection. Last week, we formally notified Republic that we will not exercise our option to renew.

Beginning in 2021, the trash and recycling will be handled by our Township Public Works Department. We have purchased four new vehicles and will soon hire three additional workers. We are expecting delivery of these trucks in the near future. Trash and recycling receptacles have also been ordered including a number of smaller receptacles for our seniors.

A complete explanation of procedures will be forthcoming as we approach our start date in January.

By having Public Works assume this responsibility, Township Committee will be able to have direct oversight of operations and the ability to correct problems much faster than before. Additionally, the Committee, through its Chief Financial Officer and Director of Public Works, completed an extensive cost comparison between our current contract with Republic and a takeover by Public Works. In the first year alone we expect to save approximately \$175,000 over what we are now paying Republic. The following year and years thereafter, we expect a savings of approximately \$250,000 per year.

We have heard the residents loud and clear and are looking forward to January 1, 2021 when we will assume the important responsibility of trash and recycle collection for our Township. We will strive for excellence as we move forward and serve our residents with pride.