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To the Council of Head, Clara and Maria Townships

Over the last few months there have been statements made about issues which just boggles my mind.

The most recent one is clear bags for waste produced by each and every one of us. I am amazed to find that private residents and people of the business community are complaining about use of clear bags. What would you like to use? Makes me wonder -what is it they want to hide. What do they throw into our ever filling landfill sites that should not be in there. What part of extending the life of our landfill sites are they missing. Once they are full, there is no going back. We will be paying big bucks to ship garbage...big tax dollars.

I think we need this program (clear bags) to help our limited staff police this program. I realize, as I am sure our township office does, there are kinks that will need further sorting, that is part of growth. Anyone should surely understand that. So let's take our existing plan and increase the participation and save future dollars. As it is, too much is going into the hole that results in faster filling, items of which we cannot control as they are not recyclable.

I hear, through the grapevine that people think the cost will be too high....compared to what. Shipping garbage to another township? Another country? I do not want the expense of shipping our garbage out of the area because a few here are so short sighted. I don't have a business in which I can write this expense off...this expense is paid for out of our retirement income.

I am pro the clear bag. We spend much of our time here at home washing and sorting waste products into clear bags all to help extend the life of our landfill sites. It really ticks me off that so few in the townships participate. I think our staff needs to know when recyclables are being land filled. We do need some privacy bags and we may have other issues to work out but let's move forward on this. We are not the first townships to travel this road and it is working in other places.

At the last meeting I do not recall anyone in attendance standing up and saying NO to clear bags. I don't recall anyone saying NO to the proposed plan. I don't recall any remarks about not moving forward with the proposed by-law...now there is an issue. What shit disturber got bored!

We all have an opportunity to do something healthy for our kids, grandkids and our environment. Let's move forward from the pettiness that is beginning to take over our townships and work with our government to keep this the beautiful area it is known to be.

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