

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2011**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Supervisor Kozara	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Riley	Present
	Trustee Dudek	Present
	Trustee Gnatkowski	Present

There being a full board, Supervisor Kozara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda:

It was board consensus to accept the agenda as presented.

Public Comments:

Sandy Dupuis, 3644 Jefferson, asked the board if the fire chief lives at the fire station at 220 Reserve. Kozara stated that he had no knowledge of that being so. Ms. Dupuis explained that the fire chief's vehicle has been seen parked at the fire station at all hours of the day and night. She was concerned that the taxpayers' dollars were being used to pay for the fire chief's living expenses. Oatten stated that according to the township's payroll records, the fire chief's address is not listed as the fire station. Ms. Dupuis asked why the registration fee for baseball was increased to \$50 from \$40 per player. Office Manager King stated that the fee had been raised by the Recreation Committee to cover the expenses of the program.

Jackie Anklam, 3630 Jefferson, inquired about getting AT&T cable television service coverage in the township. She has been trying to get the service for over four years now; however, AT&T does not have any pods in the township. Ms. Anklam explained that she had heard if the township formally recognizes the need for the pods to be placed here, it would speed up the process for AT&T to provide the coverage. Oatten stated that he would check on that option.

Pending Business:

It was board consensus to move the pending business item reference budgets to the end of the meeting.

Oatten stated that he had inquired with Spicer Group as well as a couple of neighboring townships on providing zoning administration for Carrollton. He was still awaiting a reply from Spicer Group. It was board consensus to have Oatten continue exploring options for the needed service.

New Business:

It was moved by Kozara and supported by Riley to approve the 2011 Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Hamilton Electric (copy attached) for a fee of \$4,821. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten explained to the board that Charter Communications had notified the township that they would no longer be providing free cable television service to the township building. If the Township were to continue the service, the rate would be \$39.99 per month for basic service and \$59.99 per month for expanded basic service. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Dudek to continue service with Charter for the basic cable package at \$39.99 per month. After further discussion, motion was withdrawn by Fritz and seconded by Dudek. Motion withdrawn. It was board consensus to have Oatten contact Charter to negotiate a package price.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Gnatkowksi to set the public hearings for the trash, police and fire special assessment districts for Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing for the fiscal year 2011-12 budgets for the same date at 5:45 p.m. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Pending Business, cont'd:

Presentation and discussion was held on the proposed fiscal year 2011-12 township budgets. Discussion followed.

Public Comments:

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, commented on Ms. Dupuis' question reference the registration fee increase for baseball. Ms. King asked that concerned citizens come to the Recreation Committee meetings (first Tuesday of every month) where all registration fees are discussed and set.

Director Comments:

Oatten informed the board that Reserve St. Watermain Replacement Project was progressing as scheduled.

Oatten stated that he was researching a grant opportunity for the township to receive a free energy audit of the municipal building. He would have more information in the near future.

Board Comments:

Fritz asked if Oatten received confirmation from the road commission reference the township entrance signs. Oatten stated that the road commission had given their approval on the size and placement of the signs. Once fiscal year budgets are completed, the board can decide whether to take on the sign expense this year.

Gnatkowski discussed the various fees that have been set for township services. He stated that by consolidating all fees into a schedule that can be reviewed each budget year might be a better way to monitor the fees and make sure they are set to cover expenses. Discussion followed.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Fritz to enter into executive session to discuss attorney-client privileged material.

Roll call:	Gnatkowski	Yes
	Dudek	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Kozara	Yes
	Riley	Yes

There being all ayes, the meeting closed at 8:27 p.m.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Gnatkowski to come out of executive session. There being all ayes, the meeting opened at 8:54 p.m.

A motion was required to proceed with the appeal filed with the Tax Tribunal by SSP Associates, Inc. (owner of property located at 1605 Tittabawassee) for the State Equalized Value and Taxable Value of their property for tax years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Dudek to accept the settlement offer from SSP Associates for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 State Equalized Values and Taxable Values in the amount of \$2,700,000. Kozara requested a roll call vote.

Roll call:	Fritz	Yes
	Kozara	No
	Riley	Yes
	Gnatkowski	No
	Dudek	Yes

There being 3 ayes and 2 nays, the motion carried.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Riley to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Jackie Anklam	3630 Jefferson
Sandy Dupuis	3644 Jefferson