

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 28, 2013**

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Supervisor Kozara	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Riley	Absent - Excused
	Trustee Dudek	Present
	Trustee Loperena	Present

There being a quorum, Supervisor Kozara called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

Oatten added to New Business: #6 – Letter of Agreement with Spicer Group. It was board consensus to approve the agenda as amended.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Fritz to approve minutes for: September 30, 2013 – regular meeting and October 14, 2013 – departmental meeting. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Loperena to receive and file the correspondence as listed for October 2013. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Accounts Payable:**

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Loperena to approve the October Accounts Payable for the amount of \$156,587.57. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Quarterly Investment Report:**

It was moved by Kozara and supported by Dudek to approve the quarterly investment report for September 30, 2013. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Committee/Commission/Board Reports:**

Board reports were reviewed. There were no financial requests.

It was noted that the Police Department collected 18 lbs. of unused prescription drugs at the National Take Back Day held Saturday, October 26.

**New Business:**

Oatten presented the list of foreclosed properties offered by the Saginaw County Treasurer. He explained that the Township could only take ownership if there was a public purpose that it could be used for. The eight (8) properties listed were: 633 Hickory, 3545 Monroe, 3521 Lincoln, 3400 Lincoln, 3767 Monroe, 700 Sherman, 500 Tyler and 600 Tyler. Oatten recommended that the Township refuse all properties as there was not a possibility of public purpose.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Dudek to adopt Resolution #2013-30 Objecting to Transfer of Parcels from the Foreclosing Government Unit of Saginaw County (copy attached).

Roll call:	Kozara	Yes
	Dudek	Yes
	Loperena	Yes
	Fritz	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was declared adopted.

It was moved by Kozara and supported by Loperena to reappoint Craig Douglas to the Compensation Commission with a term ending 9/30/18. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Loperena and supported by Dudek to adopt Resolution #2013-31 Approving Apportionment and Accepting for File the Fiscal 2014 Budget of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (copy attached).

Roll call:	Dudek	Yes
	Loperena	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Kozara	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was declared adopted.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Kozara to adopt Resolution #2013-32 to Appoint a Carrollton Township Trustee (DPW Superintendent Mark Pilkington) and Alternate (Director Craig Oatten) to the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority Board of Trustees (copy attached).

Roll call:	Loperena	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Kozara	Yes
	Riley	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was declared adopted.

Oatten presented a resolution authorizing the Township to apply for a Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (S.A.W.) grant through the State of Michigan. He explained that each municipality is allowed to apply for up to \$1 million with a 10% matching funds requirement. With Spicer Group’s assistance, the Township will be applying for a total of \$700,000 to establish an asset management plan for the sanitary sewer system. Oatten reminded the board that the Township’s 10% matching funds (\$70,000) had already been designated in the sewer fund for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and this resolution was not the actual grant application, but was required by the State in order to apply. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Fritz to adopt Resolution #2013-33 Authorizing Carrollton Township to apply to the Michigan Finance Authority and Department of Environmental Quality for a SAW Grant to establish an asset management plan for the sanitary sewer system in the amount of \$700,000.00 (copy attached).

Roll call:	Fritz	Yes
	Kozara	Yes
	Dudek	Yes
	Loperena	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was declared adopted.

Oatten presented a proposed letter of agreement with Spicer Group for the study and report for the SAW grant project in the amount of \$700,000.00. He explained that this agreement was contingent on the Township being awarded the SAW grant. If the Township’s grant application is denied, this project would not be done. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Dudek to approve the Letter of Agreement (copy attached) with Spicer Group for the Study and Report for the Sanitary Sewer Asset Management Plan SAW Grant Project in the amount of \$700,000.00 contingent on the grant being awarded by the State of Michigan. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

Kim Rowan, 3525 Monroe, discussed the concerns she had (along with several other Carrollton Township residents) over the amount of vacant and/or blighted properties in the Township. Of specific concern, the recent vacancy of the 7-11 store on Shattuck and the poor condition of Skyway Plaza, which has caused businesses to vacate in recent months (Little Caesars and Farm Bureau Insurance). Oatten explained to Ms. Rowan that the Township had nothing to do with 7-11 store leaving the Township. The owners, Garb-Ko, Inc., had just recently sold 68 stores back to 7-11, Inc. and it was the decision of the corporation to *not* take back two of those stores: Shattuck in Carrollton Township and W. Michigan/Center in Saginaw Township. Oatten stated that Skyway Plaza was privately owned and the Township has continuously battled with the owners on the condition of the building. Ms. Rowan also asked the board to consider a summer festival and she, along with other residents, would be willing to help organize one. Discussion followed.

Christina Darabos, 731 Shattuck, stated her concerns over the number of businesses leaving Carrollton Township and the amount of vacant properties along the river. She also questioned if the Township could evict the owners of Skyway Plaza. Response: No. Oatten stated that the properties along the river were also privately owned and the Township has worked with business owners and most recently developed Industrial Development Districts for those that have applied that provides tax breaks for expansions as well as new developments. Discussion followed.

Cathy Henderson, 4911 N. Michigan #2, introduced herself to the board members as a Carrollton Township Recreation Committee member. She expressed her disagreement with the Township Board's comments at their August regular meeting about the Recreation Committee members not getting along. She felt that everyone got along on the board except for one member who she suggested be removed (name not given). Ms. Henderson also asked Supervisor Kozara why he had not responded to her email on this subject. Kozara stated that he did receive Ms. Henderson's email and he would like the Recreation Committee members to attend the November 11 board meeting to discuss further. Ms. Henderson stated that the children that participate in the sports programs should be the Recreation Committee's top priority.

Tim Wilson, Carrollton Public Schools Superintendent, 3566 Church, thanked the Board of Trustees and Recreation Committee for approving the baseball field renovations. The school is donating \$2,500 towards the project and he congratulated the Township on receiving the two grant awards. Mr. Wilson stated that Ken Hyde would be the project manager and he thanked the Township again on behalf of the schools as the baseball diamonds needed major improvements.

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, stated that she had absolutely nothing to do with the Recreation Committee meeting that required posting the week prior.

Kim Rowan, 3525 Monroe, stated that she felt as a single mom, the fees to play sports in the Township were very expensive. She asked the board to provide a lower fee for low-income families, as no child should have to sit on the sidelines because their family is unable to pay.

Melissa Fairley, 2604 Benjamin, asked if the Township did not receive the SAW grant for the sewer project, would the residents have to cover the entire project amount of \$700,000? Response: No, the Township will only do the project if the grant is awarded. Ms. Fairley suggested that the Township send out a mailing to invite business owners to locate in Carrollton Township. Discussion followed.

**Board Comments:**

Loperena stated that the Township's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be in 2016. He strongly suggested that planning begin for this important milestone. He also commented on the Recreation Committee's budget and his concerns over their expenses. He felt that the kids were going other places to play sports because of the high registration fees in Carrollton. He addressed the public and asked that if anyone was unable to pay the registration fees to personally contact him for assistance.

Fritz commented that the grant awards for the baseball diamonds of \$13,000 was quite an accomplishment and he was confident that the Recreation Committee was going in the right direction.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Loperena to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Terry Jarvis	1318 Flanders
Matt Tetloff	3276 Elm
Teresa Tetloff	3276 Elm
Andre Tyus	No address given
Heather Fritz	No address given
Cathy Henderson	4911 N. Michigan #2
Melissa Fairley	2604 Benjamin
Christina Darabos	731 Shattuck
Tim Wilson	3566 Church
Kim Rowan	3525 Monroe