

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 26, 2015**

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Supervisor Kozara	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Petrowski	Present
	Trustee Dudek	Present
	Trustee Douglas	Present

There being a full board, Supervisor Kozara called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

Supervisor Kozara called for a moment of silence for the recent passing of former supervisor and trustee Kenneth Kunitzer. Mr. Kunitzer also served on the Carrollton Township Fire Department for 16 years.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

Oatten requested to add to New Business - #3 Recreation Committee request for baseball league membership. It was board consensus to approve the agenda as amended.

**Public Comments:**

Paula Galarno, 3120 Elm, informed the board that over the recent months, the excessive cars parked at Merl's Tavern and down the street have caused her to be blocked into her driveway and she felt there was no way that emergency vehicles could get down the road. Ms. Galarno has called the police three times to complain but does not feel the problem is being addressed. She asked what the capacity limit was for the bar and who would be in the position to enforce it. Oatten explained that the fire department would enforce capacity limits but he offered to meet with the owner of Merl's Tavern and bring these concerns to his attention. Discussion followed.

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, asked several questions in reference to the Recreation basketball program. Supervisor Kozara asked the Recreation Chairperson Matt Tetloff (in audience) to answer. Discussion followed.

Joe Loperena, 1118 Cass, expressed his anger and frustration over being let go from the Recreation Dept. two years prior. He felt that he was being discriminated against since he could not work due to the death of his mother. Mr. Loperena stated that he had hired an attorney who felt he had a case and he requested a letter from the Township stating why he was let go. Discussion followed. The board members assured Mr. Loperena that his employment did not discontinue for the reason he stated. Oatten stated that the reason Mr. Loperena was not asked back to referee or umpire was because Mr. Loperena (after becoming a certified referee) was taking jobs for other entities and not showing up to work for the Township because "he could make more money elsewhere". More discussion followed.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Fritz to approve minutes for: December 29, 2014 – regular meeting. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Petrowski to receive and file the correspondence as listed for January 2015. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Accounts Payable:**

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Petrowski to approve the January Accounts Payable for the amount of \$231,956.51. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Committee/Commission/Board Reports:**

Departmental reports were reviewed. There were no financial requests.

**New Business:**

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to approve the letter of agreement (copy attached) with AT&T Michigan extending the METRO Act Permit with Carrollton Township for a term to end February 28, 2019. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Kozara and supported by Douglas to accept the resignation of Sheldon Matthews from the Recreation Committee and appoint Johnny Carter with a term ending 3/31/17 and Angela Carter with a term ending 2/28/17. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten asked Tetloff to present the information on the Babe Ruth Baseball League that the Recreation Committee would like to become members of. Tetloff reviewed the benefits of joining the league (specifically the Cal Ripkin Division which is for ages 4-12). Insurance coverage would be provided at a much lower cost, the fees are only \$23.00 per team, state tournaments are held, and the league offers consistent training for both coaches and umpires. Discussion followed. It was moved by Fritz and supported by Dudek to approve the entry into the Cal Ripkin Division of the Babe Ruth Baseball League. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

Andy Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, asked several questions regarding the property and business located at 2824 N. Michigan (Great Lakes Bay Services) in reference to their excessive blight, open burning, storage tanks with fuel pumps hooked up to them and the lack of a proper business license and site plan review per Township ordinance. Much discussion followed. Mr. Lamia also asked why Midwest Fabricating located at 2801 N. Michigan was still moving inventory out of that location when they were supposed to vacate by 12/31/14. It was discussed that Midwest Fabricating must submit a site plan in order to use that location as dry storage only. Mr. Lamia asked if the Township would receive reimbursement for the legal fees involved with taking the

owner of Mid State Fabricating to court. Response: Not sure. Mr. Lamia asked if the Township would ever consider getting streetlights installed under the I-675 overpass on Weiss for safety reasons. It was board consensus to have Oatten check on additional street lighting.

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, informed the board that she witnessed the open burning at 2824 N. Michigan on November 1. Ms. King asked if the travel basketball monies were kept separate from the regular recreation basketball monies. Response: Yes. Ms. King also asked why the parents of the travel team players were charged the door entry fee at home games. Response: Everyone pays the door entry fee for travel games only.

### **Director Updates:**

Oatten stated that the request received by a resident at the December 29 board meeting to have a traffic study done on the roads behind Skyway Plaza to get no parking signs had not been requested as he felt that the other residents in that area should be able to give input as well. Discussion followed. It was board consensus to have Oatten poll the residents about pursuing the traffic study.

### **Board Comments:**

Douglas asked the other members that would be attending the annual Michigan Townships Association conference the following week to please pick up any information that they feel would be beneficial for him to review. Douglas also commented that he would be taking a tour on Thursday of the areas that Mr. Lamia brought to their attention during public comments.

Fritz expressed his frustration over the lack of follow through regarding 2824 and 2801 N. Michigan. He explained that he personally went over to Great Lakes Bay Services and a plan was put into place to get the property cleaned up and that has not happened. Mr. Fritz stressed that the Township must do what we say we're going to do; otherwise we are not doing our jobs. Discussion followed.

Dudek asked for clarification on who was responsible for the administration of the Recreation Department's Facebook page. There was recently an issue with someone's post being removed. Tetloff explained that as chairperson, he was responsible for the Facebook page and unless the posts are directly affiliated with or benefit the Carrollton Township Recreation Department, they are removed.

### **Adjournment:**

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Petrowski to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Paula Galarno	3120 Elm
Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Cathy Henderson	1265 Tittabawassee Apt C
Matt Tetloff	3267 Elm
Teresa Tetloff	3267 Elm
Joe Loperena	1118 Cass St.
Andy Lamia	2836 N. Michigan