

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, July 13, 2015**

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| <u>Roll Call:</u> | Supervisor Kozara | Present |
| | Clerk Fritz | Present |
| | Treasurer Petrowski | Absent - Excused |
| | Trustee Dudek | Present |
| | Trustee Douglas | Present |

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

Acceptance of Agenda:

Oatten requested to add to New Business - #5 – Greenfield Watermain project update. It was board consensus to accept the agenda as amended.

Public Hearing:

Weaver presented the application received by CHRW, LLC (Mid Michigan Truss & Components) requesting an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption certificate for the building addition completed at 2795 Harrison. She also reviewed the proposed tax millage amounts for the real property if the exemption was granted. Supervisor Kozara asked for public comments.

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, expressed his objection to granting the tax exemption certificate to Mid Michigan Truss & Components as he felt the business had done nothing but create noise and dust since they moved in.

Frank Sheridan, 2835 Eddy, stated he was there in support of his neighbor (Lamia).

Hearing no other comments, Supervisor Kozara closed the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments:

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, presented pictures to the board of the property located at 2824 N. Michigan (Great Lakes Bay Services) showing blight and other code violations. He asked why the board is not enforcing the fact that this business does not have a valid business license. Discussion followed. Kozara asked Weaver to put the concerns under pending business for the next meeting.

Katie Schauman, 3780 Jefferson, explained to the board that her two sons were involved in an incident near Sherman Park where they had a confrontation with a group of young men who flashed a gun. She stated that she was very upset with the whole situation and wanted to know if anything could be done. Discussion followed. Oatten stated that he could not say much as it was still an active investigation; but, he assured Ms. Schauman that it was being addressed. Ms. Schauman also asked why City Sewer Cleaners was allowed to dump their waste into the field

located near her home. Oatten stated that he has had complaints made before about this issue; however, City Sewers was dumping only water, not sewage. He had DEQ come out and walk the property and test soil samples within the last two years and no evidence of sewage was found. Oatten stated he would contact DEQ to take another look.

Pending Business:

Oatten stated that Gavilon Grain was not moving forward with their plant rehabilitation project due to the Saginaw River not being deep enough for sea-going vessels. Since the Township had already created a Plant Rehabilitation District (PRD) for this project; the district needs to be terminated and the same process of notification and postings need to take place in order to do so. The public hearing to terminate the district is set for July 27, 2015.

New Business:

Much discussion was held on the pros and cons of granting a 12-year tax exemption certificate to Mid Michigan Truss & Components for their new building addition. Fritz stated that with the shrinking tax revenues over the past several years and the fact that a 12-year tax exemption certificate was granted to this same business in 2011, he felt the board should deny the application. More discussion followed. It was moved by Dudek and supported by Douglas to deny the application for an Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate submitted by CHRW, LLC (Mid Michigan Truss & Components). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten informed the board that DPW Superintendent Mark Pilkington had failed to meet water sampling requirements for the State of Michigan for the first quarter of 2015. He further explained that Pilkington was on disability leave at the time of the sampling deadline. Fritz stated that it was totally unacceptable that the sampling was missed and there should have been a backup plan in place. Discussion followed in reference to providing a letter of explanation to accompany the notice that had to be sent to every water customer in the Township. Oatten stated that he would contact the State to see if it was allowable to send a letter of explanation.

Oatten stated that an applicant had been chosen to fill the vacant Department of Public Works Laborer position. This applicant has asked to remain anonymous as to not jeopardize his current employment. Discussion followed. It was moved by Kozara and supported by Fritz to agree to a conditional offer of employment to the applicant chosen by Oatten for the DPW Laborer position (contingent on passing all physical and drug screens). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten informed the board that approximately \$1,200 worth of Recreation baseball equipment had been stolen from one of the parent's vehicles at their home. This parent cannot afford the high deductible that her insurance requires. Discussion followed. It was moved by Fritz and supported by Douglas to waive the cost of the stolen baseball equipment and consider it a loss to the Township. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, stated that the Township Board should take a look at the crime-free rental ordinance that the City of Saginaw recently adopted. Discussion followed. Kozara asked Weaver to obtain a copy of Saginaw's ordinance.

Director Updates:

Oatten stated that the DEQ was now mandating a 20-year capital improvement plan for water systems. He explained that this would be addressed in the coming months and the DEQ is requiring the plan to be asset management based.

Board Comments:

Douglas stated that a letter of explanation to accompany the drinking water sampling violation notice would be a good way to be completely transparent with our residents and assure them that only a sampling deadline was missed and that we still have safe water here in Carrollton.

Kozara discussed the ongoing conflict between the Recreation Committee and board liaison Trustee Dudek. Kozara proposed that Trustee Dudek take a liaison position on the 150th Planning Committee and he would be the liaison to the Recreation Committee. Discussion followed. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to have Kozara be the board liaison to the Recreation Committee and Dudek the liaison to the 150th Planning Committee. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Dudek and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

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| Corey Curnutt | 2805 Congress |
| Andrew Lamia | 2836 N. Michigan |
| Frank Sheridan | 2835 Eddy |
| John Town | 3280 Bauer |
| Katie Schauman | 3780 Jefferson |
| Ken Curnutt | 4327 Lorraine |
| Jill Curnutt | 4327 Lorraine |