

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 25, 2016**

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

There being a quorum, Supervisor Kozara called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

It was board consensus to approve the agenda as presented.

**Public Comments:**

Robert Gubody, 3562 Monroe, asked the status of the code enforcement complaint he had filed for the blight at the home on the corner of Hickory and Monroe. Oatten stated that he would check the following day and get back with Mr. Gubody.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Petrowski and supported by Douglas to approve minutes for: December 28, 2015 – 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 2016. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Accounts Payable:**

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Petrowski to approve the January Accounts Payable for the amount of \$224,600.11. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Quarterly Investment Report:**

It was moved by Petrowski and supported by Fritz to receive and file the quarterly investment report for period ending December 31, 2015 as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Committee/Commission/Board Reports:**

Oatten informed the board that the Fire Dept. was down to 11 firefighters. The department had a total of 124 runs in calendar year 2015.

On the police side, there was a 7.2% reduction in calls for calendar year 2015. Oatten also noted that he would be providing an on-duty officer for the Bridge-to-Bridge fishing tournament being held January 30 in Zilwaukee.

As of this past week, all of the cleaning and camera work had been completed of the sanitary sewer system as part of the SAW grant project.

**New Business:**

Weaver presented the current hourly rates for election workers and requested an increase due to the minimum wage going up to \$8.50 as of January 1. The last increase was made in 2008. Discussion followed. It was moved by Fritz and supported by Douglas to increase the hourly rate for election workers from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hour and chairpersons from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten informed the board that the abandoned oil well that was discovered during the Greenfield water main project last year will be handled by the State's Orphan Well Program. The State was requesting that Consumers Energy move their electric lines during the project and then move them back; however, Oatten stated that if we granted an easement to Consumers, the lines could be moved permanently. Discussion followed. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Petrowski to authorize Oatten to approve the easement when presented to move the electrical wires on Greenfield St. to allow for the remediation of the orphan oil well. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten presented a purchase request for a secured prescription drug drop cabinet to be permanently installed in the front office lobby area. He explained that this would provide a safe option for residents to drop off unwanted/unused prescription drugs and would not require any office staff to handle the prescriptions when police officers are not in. It was moved by Petrowski and supported by Fritz to purchase the cabinet from American Security Cabinets for \$994.00 plus \$75.00 shipping. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten stated that the Department of Environmental Quality has requested to gain access to our property here on Mapleridge to execute soil testing. The Township used to have underground fuel and oil tanks (removed around 1991) that may have caused soil contamination and the DEQ has presented a consent to enter private property agreement to execute the tests. Discussion followed. It was moved by Petrowski and supported by Douglas to authorize Oatten to sign the consent to enter agreement with the DEQ. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the language changes made to Public Act 269 signed into law by Governor Snyder back in December. Basically, it states that if a municipality wishes to add a ballot question, they would not be allowed to communicate any information to the voters 60 days prior to the election. Discussion was held on the questions raised by this law in regards to constitutionality and freedom of speech. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Petrowski to

adopt Resolution #2016-01 (copy attached) calling for an immediate repeal of the new language in Public Act 269 passed by the State Senate and House on December 16, 2015 and to forward a signed copy of the resolution to the Township's state representatives in the House and Senate.

Roll call:	Kozara	Yes
	Petrowski	Yes
	Douglas	Yes
	Fritz	Yes

There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Director Updates:**

Oatten stated that a meeting was set with Spicer Group on Wednesday, January 27 to discuss the next phase of the SAW grant project.

Consumers Energy had conducted an inventory of all of their streetlights in Carrollton Township and it was found that we were being overcharged. The Township will receive a credit of \$11,298.

**Board Comments:**

Douglas thanked Weaver and the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee for putting on a great New Year's Eve party.

Kozara asked when the first budget workshop was scheduled for. Response: March 7.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Petrowski and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Heather Helm	3524 Monroe
Robert Gubody	3562 Monroe