

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, May 8, 2017**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Supervisor Abney	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Petrowski	Present
	Trustee Douglas	Present
	Trustee Westphal	Present

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

Acceptance of Agenda:

It was moved by Petrowski and supported by Fritz to accept the agenda as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Joyce Earls, 1626 Bel Air, asked questions about blight and code enforcement. Discussion followed.

Public Recognition:

Chief Oatten read into the record: "On April 12, 2017, while on patrol, Officer William Doran received a radio transmission of a bank robbery that had just occurred at the Chase Bank located at Bay Rd. near McCarty. As he continued to monitor radio transmissions and observe traffic, Officer Doran saw a vehicle matching the description of the bank robbery suspect's vehicle. He followed the suspect's vehicle and gave constant radio direction to other officers responding to the location. As other officers approached his position, a felony traffic stop was made and the suspect was taken into custody, arrested, and subsequently charged with these crimes. Officer Doran's professionalism displayed that day resulted in the successful capture of the robbery suspect with no harm to anyone involved. The suspect has been linked to the bank robbery mentioned, as well as the robbery of a Saginaw area credit union. Officer Doran's actions resulted in the removal of a dangerous person from the street. The Carrollton Township Board congratulates you on a job well done!"

Township Board members presented Officer Doran with a certificate of recognition for his exceptional police work. Doran thanked the board and the members of the audience.

Pending Business:

Oatten stated that the Code Enforcement Officer position had been posted again in the newspaper and on the Township's website. He hoped to receive more applicants this time around and he would bring further information to the board at the next meeting.

Oatten informed the board that after further thought and more interest shown among the police officers, he would be opening up the sergeant position to the entire department. Testing and interviewing will take place to find the best candidate.

Much discussion was held on the Township's current Non-Owner Occupied Housing Business License ordinance. Weaver had emailed copies of both the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Township's ordinances to the board members for comparison after the last meeting. There was particular interest in the crime-free addendums that both ordinances contained. It was board consensus to have the Township's attorney review the current ordinance and provide possible language amendments.

Currently, the non-owner occupied business license is \$10 annually per property owner. If not paid, the fee increases for April (\$20) and May (\$35), and then the ordinance allows for the issuance of a municipal civil infraction and eventually eviction of the tenants if not paid. Weaver stated that there were at least two property owners that were delinquent for more than one year. Discussion followed. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Westphal to send letters to any property owners that are delinquent, with a copy going to their tenants, informing them of what the next steps are in enforcing the ordinance. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed community survey and what questions should be included to gain knowledge on what the residents wish the board to focus on. Weaver would compile all of the suggestions for review at the May 30 meeting.

New Business:

Oatten presented a request from the United Steelworkers (Front Office clerks) and Teamsters (DPW laborers) to use PTO time and close the Township Office on Monday, July 3, 2017 for the 4th of July holiday weekend. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to approve the request and close the Township Office on Monday, July 3, 2017. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Petrowski to reappoint DPW Superintendent Mark Pilkington as Weed Commissioner with a term ending 3/31/19. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, suggested that the Township have a police officer do the code enforcement duties.

Board Comments:

Douglas stated that he had met someone in the banking industry that told him about loans that are available for senior citizens for home improvements. He would forward the contact information to Oatten as it may be something to inform our residents about. Douglas discussed the proposed community garden. Oatten stated that the soil sample test results for the property behind the Township Office should be received soon.

Petrowski thanked Oatten for the email updates as they were very helpful.

Westphal stated that the Recreation Baseball season had begun. She would be putting up flyers advertising the community clean-up day scheduled for May 20, 10am-2pm.

Fritz asked the status of the sidewalk inspection program. Oatten stated that the north end of the township was mapped and he expected sidewalk repairs to begin mid-summer.

Abney asked who was responsible for the foot bridges over the drain ditches in the Township as he felt they needed to be painted. The guardrails are rusted out on the one located at N. Michigan and Church. Oatten would look into it.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Abney to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Joyce Earls	1626 Bel Air
Rose King	3427 N. Michigan