

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 29, 2018**

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Supervisor Abney	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Thurston	Absent - Excused
	Trustee Douglas	Present
	Trustee Westphal	Present

There being a quorum, Supervisor Abney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten, Office Manager Megan Weaver, DPW Interim Superintendent Don Sumption and Fire Chief Bob Tetloff.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comments:**

Paula Galarno, 3120 Elm, asked questions about the new rental inspection requirement. Ms. Galarno also asked if something could be done about the cars parked on both her and her rental's property from the customers at Merl's Tavern. The last time Merl's hosted their trivia night, she counted 82 parked cars and she claimed the capacity for the business is 77 persons.

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, asked if the ordinance pertaining to garbage cans could be enhanced to not allow cans to be stored in front of a home. He felt that they contributed to the blight. He also asked if anything could be done about the free newspapers that The Saginaw News delivers (that no one wants) as the last time the snow melted, he counted over 40 old papers in the street on Monroe. He felt this also contributed to the blight in Carrollton.

Chuck Stack, District 2 County Commissioner, gave a brief update on the recent activities at the County level. Mr. Stack also informed the board that he was looking for support for the dredging of the Saginaw River. Businesses on both sides of the river (Carrollton and City of Saginaw) would benefit from the dredging and he would contact board members about coming to the February 20 County Commissioners' meeting.

Gene Jolin, Mayor of City of Zilwaukee, commended Sergeant Chris Kellett for his professionalism and compassion when responding to the home of his brother-in-law who had passed away unexpectedly. He greatly appreciated it.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to approve minutes for: December 27, 2017 – regular and January 8, 2018 – departmental meetings as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Fritz to receive and file the correspondence as listed for January 2018. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Accounts Payable:**

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to approve the January Accounts Payable for the amount of \$186,685.16. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Quarterly Investment Report:**

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Westphal to receive and file the quarterly investment report for December 31, 2017. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Committee/Commission/Board Reports:**

Board reports were reviewed and discussed.

Tetloff informed the board that 94 smoke detectors had been installed as part of the Red Cross program. He was still meeting resistance from residents that do not want anyone to come inside their home. The fire department had spent the last three weekends installing the detectors and he would be contacting the Red Cross with the current inventory count as he must return all unused detectors.

Abney asked if the listing of code enforcement complaints could be posted for the public to view. Oatten responded yes; however, he would have to omit the property owners' names.

Sumption stated that the sink hole on Baylor Ct. was caused by normal ground settling. The County has marked the area and will fix it in the spring. Sumption also informed the board that the demolition of 361 Lynn was on hold as the contractor was waiting for weather that was above freezing because they have to use water when demolishing.

**Pending Business:**

Oatten stated that he had a conference call with the representatives of the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) and informed them that the township board wishes to keep the union groups separate.

**New Business:**

Sumption presented three cost estimates to renovate the office in the DPW garage. Discussion followed. Abney stated that the project was not budgeted for the current fiscal year and will be revisited at the end of February.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to approve the 2018 Agreement for Services with Saginaw Future, Inc. (copy attached) for the amount of \$1,800. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten presented a letter from the Michigan DEQ stating that the SAW Grant Project was completed. The final SAW Grant amount and local match were \$572,800.21 and \$63,644.47 respectively.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Westphal to adopt Resolution #2018-01 adopting the 2018 federal poverty income guidelines for the Board of Review to implement pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 (copy attached).

Roll call:	Fritz	Yes
	Abney	Yes
	Douglas	Yes
	Westphal	Yes

There being 4 ayes and 1 absence, the Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**Public Comments:**

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, commented on the drain ditch cleanup work that was done on N. Michigan/Church. She asked if the County would be charging the Township for the work. Response: No.

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, asked what the plans for the existing DPW Superintendent’s office were. Abney responded that there were no plans as of yet.

**Director Comments:**

Oatten informed the board that he had met with Katrina Prieur at Carrollton Elementary and everything seems to be going well with the Recreation Committee and their use of the school’s facilities.

Discussion was held on the current lease agreement with Global Towers for the cell tower located behind the municipal building. Oatten had been approached about extending the agreement another 40 years (2077) that included a \$25,000 signing bonus; however, there were limitations on how many services could be located on the tower. It was board consensus to not extend the agreement.

Weaver stated that the State of Michigan had lowered the taxable value cap that determined which municipalities must post a synopsis of their meeting minutes in a newspaper of general circulation on a monthly basis. Carrollton Township has fallen below that cap (\$85,000,000) and she asked the board to consider not posting the minutes in The Saginaw News as it would save the general fund approximately \$1,000 annually. She also reminded the board that all approved meeting minutes were available on the Township’s website. It was moved by Westphal and supported by Fritz to discontinue posting the meeting minutes in The Saginaw News. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Board Comments:**

Trustee Douglas offered a motion to support County Commissioner Chuck Stack in his mission to get the Army Corp of Engineers to dredge the Saginaw River and to be present at the February 20 meeting. Supervisor Abney supported the motion. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Fritz asked Tetloff if he was still planning on purchasing new turn out gear for the firefighters. Tetloff stated that he was currently obtaining bids.

Westphal thanked the Fire Department for participating in the American Red Cross smoke detector program.

Abney thanked the public for attending. He reiterated the fact that the Township would be pushing hard on the "Fight the Blight" campaign and he encouraged everyone to spread the word.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Westphal to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Andrew Lamia	2836 N. Michigan
Chuck Stack	5708 Venoy
Frank Rivette	534 Nylon
Paula Galarno	3120 Elm
Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Joan Douglas	1828 Kelly
Gene Jolin	5395 Stout