

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, December 9, 2019**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Supervisor Abney	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Thurston	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.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Public Comments: None.

Pending Business:

Discussion was held on the parking lot lighting at Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza). While some new LED lights have been installed, it still seems really dark towards the south end of the parking lot.

Oatten stated that there had recently been a couple of evictions where an excessive amount of waste/household items were put out to the curb. The code enforcement officer will make contact with the owner and if they are unable to get it cleaned up, the Township will get a dumpster and clean it up and the costs will be invoiced to the owner and eventually put on the tax bill if not paid. Abney suggested that for weeds/grass cuttings in the coming spring, the Township should issue a municipal civil infraction ticket along with the first notice to the property owner to cut their lawn.

Oatten informed the board that he had been in contact with a bond attorney and a financial advisor reference the proposed road millage question that the board would like to put on the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election ballot. If the Township wants to issue capital improvement bonds to be able to do more road projects at one time, the law puts a cap on the debt limit (5% of SEV). Discussion followed. Oatten explained that he would like to discuss the options further with the financial advisor and possibly hold a special meeting to approve the ballot language so that it is submitted by the December 17 deadline to the County Clerk. Much discussion followed.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to table the item to allow Oatten to review the options further with the financial advisor and bond attorney. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Abney to hold a special meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize the road millage ballot language. There being all ayes, the motion carried. It was board consensus to invite the Planning Commission members to the special meeting.

New Business:

Oatten presented the proposed closing statement for the purchase of 4400 Lorraine. It was moved by Abney and supported by Thurston to approve the special check payment of \$6,172.94 to purchase the property located at 4400 Lorraine (#11-12-4-01-4179-000). There being all ayes, the motion carried. It was board consensus to have Oatten sign all required paperwork on behalf of the Township.

Oatten updated the board on his recent meeting with Saginaw Future. The Saginaw River Alliance along with Saginaw Future has commissioned a study on dredging the Saginaw River. He would bring more information when the study was completed. They discussed Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza) and the search for businesses to locate there. They also discussed possible solar projects and the associated infrastructure needed such as acreage and the requirement to be close to a substation. Discussion followed.

Oatten presented the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Timeline. It was board consensus to move forward as presented.

Public Comments:

Judy George, 705 Oakview, stated that the Township should consider special situations when a property owner does not have their lawn cut and not just issue them a ticket the first time. In her situation, her mother became very ill and was in the hospital, so she had to hire a company to come cut her lawn to avoid the citation.

Chuck Pappas, 3875 Vanguard, asked what happened when property owners do not cut their lawns and do not pay the fees. Oatten responded that, if unpaid, the amount gets transferred to the winter property tax bill.

Director Comments:

Oatten updated the board on the Iron Belle Trail grants (both #1 and #2) and requests for reimbursement for the road signage and sharrows had been submitted.

Oatten wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Board Comments:

Westphal, Fritz and Douglas commented on how well the Lions Food Drive kick-off event went on December 4. Douglas would update everyone on the timing for the distribution scheduled for Thursday, December 19 and he thanked everyone for their assistance.

Abney thanked the DPW for their work on the holiday lighting this year. He has received numerous comments on how well it looks.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Thurston to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Chuck Pappas	3875 Vanguard
Judy George	705 Oakview