

CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, December 16, 2019

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

There being a quorum, Clerk Fritz called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Thurston to have Clerk Fritz chair the meeting in absence of the Supervisor. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Acceptance of the Agenda:

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

Public Comments: None.

Purpose of Special Meeting:

Oatten gave an overview of the conference call that he and Weaver had with the financial advisors at Baker Tilly. One of the concerns was that if the Township issued capital improvement bonds to pay for the road projects (and paid back with the millage collections), the debit limit would be capped at 5% of the Township's SEV – or \$4,290,220. If a water or sewer main project needed to be done in the future, the Township would not be able to finance it due to the capping. Oatten stated that Baker Tilly confirmed that any bond issued for future water/sewer projects does *not* fall under the 5% cap. Water and sewer projects are completely separate. Board discussion followed.

Oatten presented the road millage ballot language and resolution prepared by Dickenson Wright (bond attorney). Discussion was held on the fact that the Township had discontinued the 5.32 millage levy in 2018 that was voted on in 1998 for the water main improvement projects. A proposed 5 mill road millage levy would bring in approximately \$396,385 each year – not enough to do even a ½ mile road reconstruction project. By issuing capital improvement bonds, the Township will be able to do multiple projects at once and pay the bond principal and interest payments with the millage collections. More discussion followed.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to approve Resolution #2019-20 (copy attached) to submit a millage increase proposition to the electors of the Township at the March 10, 2020 presidential primary election with the following ballot language:

ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall the Township of Carrollton be authorized to increase the levy of taxes on real and tangible personal property by up to 5.00 mills (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 20 years, from 2020 through 2039 to provide funding in the 2021 through 2040 budget years, for maintaining, improving, rehabilitating, and reconstructing roads in the Township, including without limitation installation, repair, and replacement of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and other related appurtenances and attachments thereto, and payment of debt service on obligations issued for such purposes? The revenue collected in the first year from the levy in December 2020 is estimated to be \$396,385. The proposed millage is a new additional millage, the revenue from which will be disbursed to the Township of Carrollton.

[] Yes

[] No

Roll call:	Fritz	Yes
	Thurston	Yes
	Douglas	Yes
	Westphal	Yes

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

Public Comments: None.

Director Comments/Updates:

Oatten stated that the plans were in place for the Lions Food Drive later that week. He also informed the board that the closing for the purchase of the property at 4400 Lorraine was complete. He would also be getting a preliminary estimate of cost for the Iron Belle Trailhead construction planned for the property from Spicer Group in the near future.

Board Comments:

Fritz thanked the Planning Commission members for attending the meeting so that they were aware of the proposed road millage. He felt that it was important that everyone be on the same page.

Douglas stated that he appreciated all the help from the DPW and Township staff with the Lions Food Drive. The goal is to feed 100 families in need.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Westphal to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Planning Commission Members:

Dave Brushaber	3780 Bauer
Tim Gnatkowski	3546 Madison
Neil Frank	3365 Bobendick
Gary Sobek	3322 Church
John Olvera	3590 Church
Pablo Olvera	1166 Schust
Jim Gray	Township Building Inspector