

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING  
Monday, February 8, 2021**

**Via Zoom Webinar**

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<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	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 5:31 p.m. Everyone was in attendance via Zoom including Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comments:** None.

**Pending Business:**

Oatten reported that the allocation funds from the Saginaw County Road Commission (SCRC) that must be matched 50/50 and used totals \$45,962.49. The SCRC would like the township to choose the projects soon for the upcoming construction season. Much discussion was held on possible road projects including the entrance to Skyhaven Subdivision, Atlanta, Pioneer Trail, Tulane, and Reserve. Both Westphal and Thurston abstained from commenting as the roads they live on were being considered.

Douglas mentioned that he would like the CAVS Committee involved in the decision and maybe they should meet via zoom. Weaver reminded the board that the CAVS Committee, at their last meeting, had chosen several roads to be considered in the first year and that maybe an email correspondence to them would be sufficient. Discussion followed. All board members were in consensus that Skyhaven Court should be on the list for this year with other roads to be determined at the February 22 meeting. Oatten would send out correspondence to the CAVS Committee members and invite them to virtually attend the February 22 board meeting.

Weaver reported that the current balance of delinquent water/sewer bills was \$52,116.97 which was an increase of just over \$4,200 since the last meeting.

Discussion was held on the proposed “Adopt-A-Road” program. Douglas stated that the Carrollton Lions Club and VFW Auxiliary were both very interested in sponsoring a road. Weaver stated that DPW Superintendent Sumption had obtained a quote for signs from the SCRC and it was approximately \$360 for each sign. She was unsure if that included a post for the sign. Discussion followed. Oatten stated that he could ask the SCRC about posting the signs on existing poles in the township to save on cost.

**New Business:**

It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to adopt Resolution #2021-02 Adopting Guidelines and Asset Test for Poverty Exemption (copy attached).

Roll call:	Thurston	Yes
	Douglas	Yes
	Westphal	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Abney	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was adopted.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Thurston to adopt Resolution #2021-03 Procedures for Granting/Removing Tax Exemptions (copy attached).

Roll call:	Douglas	Yes
	Westphal	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Abney	Yes
	Thurston	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was adopted.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Director Comments:**

Oatten stated that two grants had been applied for to identify and replace water lines that contain lead which has been mandated by the State by 2025. Unfortunately, Carrollton Township did not receive the grant for the replacement of lines because it was not considered a “disadvantaged community”. We should know by mid-March whether the Township receives the grant for the identification of lead lines. Oatten stated that the water fund does not have the money to replace the lines and felt that this was another unfunded State mandate. Discussion followed.

Oatten informed the board that he had two applicants for the vacant full-time police officer position. He asked the board if he could negotiate a higher starting hourly wage because both applicants had several years of experience. The current union contract with the police officers allows for Oatten to negotiate with part-time officers only. It was board consensus to allow

Oatten to negotiate a higher hourly wage rate and to notify the Finance Committee before finalizing with the applicant.

**Board Comments:**

Douglas stated that the Lions Club was planning on hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at noon at Stoker Park. He asked Oatten if the police and fire vehicles could be there. Oatten responded that they would be there.

Westphal stated that the Recreation Committee would need to meet virtually to get the 2021 Baseball/Softball season going. Discussion followed.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance: None present.