

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, May 10, 2021**

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

There being a quorum, Supervisor Abney called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Public Comments: None.

Pending Business:

Oatten reported that the code enforcement officer was busy with abandoned vehicles and long grass violations.

Oatten stated that the Saginaw County Road Commission had announced that the original 120 miles of road work that was scheduled for this year was cut back to approximately 30 miles due to a budget shortfall. For Carrollton Township, that meant the chip/seal work that was scheduled for Tittabawassee, Schust, Mapleridge and Venoy would be put off until next year. Discussion followed.

Weaver reported that the delinquent water/sewer balance was down to just over \$13,000. At the April 26 meeting, she had reported over \$59,000. The DPW shut off service for all unpaid balances on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 for the first time since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Whitmer's order discontinuing water shut offs expired on March 31, 2021. Weaver stated that most residents paid over the weekend leading up to shut off day via the drop box and online. Discussion followed.

Weaver updated the board on the process of refunding the water millage and improvement charges. Now that her staff was back in the office, she expected the refund checks to be sent out by the end of May.

Abney stated that he had received the map and rental information for the proposed sewer lateral project. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Oatten presented the stipulation order for the North Branch of the Flint River drainage district. In summary, the order allows the drain to be maintained and cleaned, but not modified. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to approve the Stipulation to Entry of Order Modifying 1916 Injunction for the North Branch of the Flint River Intercounty Drainage District (copy attached).

Roll call:	Abney	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Douglas	Yes

There being 3 ayes and 2 absences, the motion carried.

Weaver presented a request from Rebecca Dean to purchase the vacant land owned by the Township located at 4400 Lorraine. The market value of the land was \$15,182. Discussion followed. It was moved by Fritz and supported by Abney to set the minimum bid for 4400 Lorraine (PIN 11-12-4-01-4007-700) at \$6,000 and advertise the land for sale by sealed bid. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten stated that due to the damage of one of the slides at the Hanchett Park playscape, a quote was obtained from the original vendor to replace the slide. Since the playscape was installed in 2007, the vendor no longer carried that specific slide, so they quoted one that could be retrofitted. Discussion followed. It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to approve the quote from Sinclair Recreation for a new slide and installation in the amount of \$1,903.32 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten stated that the confidential information he had provided to the board in their packet reference the Facebook messages sent to the Police Department's page was very frustrating to him. He did not want to go into specifics, but rather wanted the board members to understand that residents must call 911 when they see or hear something that is troubling or a potential crime. Messaging the Facebook account is not the same as calling 911. Weaver added that the auto response to all Facebook messages stated that the on-duty officer does not read the messages and that if they need assistance, they must call 911 for an officer to respond. Discussion followed.

Weaver asked that New Business item #5 – Park Pavilion Rental Program be tabled until the June 1 meeting as she needed more time to prepare the information. It was board consensus to do so.

Public Comments:

Weaver presented a written request (copy attached) from Robert Musch, owner of a duplex on Hanchett, asking for the penalties on his Non-Owner Occupied Housing licenses be waived as he did not receive the annual invoice in his mailbox until after March 31, 2021. He claimed that he was still receiving Christmas cards via the U.S. Mail and everything seemed to be delayed. Weaver stated that he was told that the Township cannot be responsible for the U.S. Postal

Service and he knows that the license fees are due every year at the same time. Discussion followed. It was board consensus that the penalties remain, and no waiver be granted.

Director Comments:

Oatten stated that he would keep both the police and fire departments updated on the ongoing I-675 road project.

Oatten informed the board that the Federal stimulus monies would be filtered through the State of Michigan since Carrollton Township's population was less than 50,000. The projected date to receive the first half of the money was June 9. He understood that we would have three years to expend the money. He would bring more information to the board as it became available.

Board Comments:

Douglas commented that it felt good to be back in person for the board meeting. He thanked Oatten for the assistance of the Police Department at the Lions 5k event held May 8.

Fritz asked if we ever obtained a quote for a dog park. Oatten answered that we did for Sherman Park and at the time, City of Zilwaukee was not keen on the idea (as a portion of Sherman Park is in their jurisdiction). Discussion followed.

Abney also commented that he was glad to be back meeting in person. He understood that the Zoom meetings were required and got us through; but he much preferred meeting in person. Abney asked Oatten if he would look at starting the Neighborhood Watch meetings again. Oatten stated that he would get in contact with the group and let him know.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Abney to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance: None present.