

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING  
Monday, June 14, 2021**

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

There being a quorum, Supervisor Abney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comments:**

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, informed the board of some code enforcement violations that he noticed including: the sidewalk needing repair in front of St. John Paul II; a chestnut tree that was buckling in front of 2831 N. Michigan; a broken window at 3036 Monroe; and no visible address as well as a broken window at 516 Stoker. Mr. Lamia also requested the board to grant him a closed session to discuss a member of the Planning Commission that he believed to be ignoring him.

**Pending Business:**

Oatten informed the board that he had contacted the property manager at Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza) in reference to painting the building closest to Skyhaven Ct. He made it clear that it was a courtesy call and if the building was not painted, then a code violation would be issued. Oatten stated that Save-A-Lot had plans to paint their own building.

Oatten stated that a total of 29 cars had been tagged for being inoperable and/or missing plates.

Oatten informed the board that the Atlanta Road Reconstruction Project was complete, and the contractor had hydroseeded that day. The scheduled chip/seal projects had also been completed. Oatten did not have a start date yet for the Skyhaven Ct. Road Project. Discussion followed.

Oatten stated that he had reached out to the interested party that initiated the bid process for the land owned by the Township on Lorraine. She explained to Oatten that the minimum bid of \$6,000 was too high. Her intent was to extend her backyard. Much discussion followed. Abney stated that he did not want to keep Township-owned land if possible as the DPW must maintain it and it would serve the Township much more if it was sold and put back on the tax roll. It was

moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to put the land back out for bid with a minimum bid of \$3,500.

Roll call:	Douglas	Yes
	Fritz	No
	Abney	Yes
	Thurston	No

There being 2 ayes and 2 nays, the motion failed.

Thurston stated that the Township’s policy for bids would not be followed if the land was put out for bid a second time under the same request from the interested party. The good faith deposit had already been partially used to pay for the newspaper publications and to notify all surrounding property owners by mail. If the interested party would like to initiate the purchasing of Township-owned land again, another deposit would be required per the policy. More discussion followed.

**New Business:**

It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to approve Recreation Committee Chairperson Hardy’s recommendation to remove Connie Lienczewski and Darrick Matthews from the Recreation Committee due to lack of participation and to appoint Jacob Premo with a term ending 06/14/2024. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten had received a request from a citizen for a streetlight to be installed at Hanchett and Pioneer Trail. Due to the cost of street lighting being paid for out of the General Fund and the steady increase over the years, Oatten did not want to proceed without board approval. The reason for the citizen request was due to safety concerns. He also noted that there were no streetlights at Hanchett and Tulane and Hanchett and Ridgeland either. Discussion followed. It was board consensus to have Oatten obtain the costs for the installation and annual expense for streetlights to be placed on Hanchett St. at the intersections of Pioneer Trail, Tulane, and Ridgeland.

Oatten requested to put the 2007 Chevrolet Impala out for bid again as it did not sell back in January. Discussion followed. It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to put the 2007 Chevrolet Impala out for bid with a minimum bid of \$4,000. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Weaver presented the list of 11 properties that the Saginaw County Treasurer was foreclosing on. Oatten had checked them all out and the Township would not have a public use for them. Discussion followed. It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to exercise the waiver for first right of refusal for the listed properties that foreclosed to the Saginaw County Treasurer as of April 1, 2021 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Abney discussed the process of weed/grass cutting per the Township Ordinance. Oatten stated that a notice was published in the newspaper every year and a courtesy letter was sent to those in violation before the DPW cut the grass. The letter clearly states that if the property owner

continues to not keep the grass cut, additional letters would not be sent and the DPW would keep cutting the lawn and the property owner would be billed along with receiving municipal civil infraction tickets. Abney asked why the letter gave the resident 10 days to comply before the Township cut the lawn. Oatten responded that 10 days was the typical response time that residents were given to comply with code violations. More discussion followed. Abney requested that Oatten find out if the 10 days was part of the State Law for noxious weeds/grass and to put on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

**Public Comments:**

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, asked how many officers the Police Department had working currently. Oatten responded that there were four full-time officers. Ms. King asked if Officer Kaylor would be working at the schools as the resource officer. Oatten responded that if the schools chose to have the school resource officer position in the fall, then Officer Kaylor would be the one to fill that position. Ms. King commented on the new road (Atlanta) and asked if there had been any complaints on speeding. Response: No.

Andrew Lamia, 2836 N. Michigan, asked if the Township could look into funding for lights to be placed under the I-675 overpass near Weiss as it is very dark, and people walk through that area regularly. Mr. Lamia stated that the grass was extremely long, and the trash cans were left at the road at 2890 N. Michigan. He noticed that the new hydroseeding on Atlanta was already being ruined by people parking on it. Mr. Lamia also asked if the Township had an occupancy limit for single family homes as there was a sign at a house on Weiss advertising six bedrooms for college students to rent.

**Director Comments:**

Oatten stated that the Police Department had a student intern from Ferris State University for the past several weeks. The student also works security at the hospital. He indicated to Oatten that he still needed to be certified by the Academy and he was super impressed with our department and would like to work here in the future. Oatten stated that the department had never sponsored anyone to go to the Academy before and it costs between \$8,000-\$9,000. He would like to check into the specifics further and he would bring more information to the board at a later date.

Oatten reminded the board members that July 4 was coming up and he would be advertising the ordinance rules for fireworks.

Oatten stated that he and Weaver would be attending the webinar on June 17 hosted by the State Department of Treasury in reference to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

**Board Comments:**

Fritz presented the Principles of Governance document that the board had adopted back in 2016. He wanted to update it and asked the board members if they were willing to. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to recommit to the Principles of Governance as presented (copy

attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Fritz stated that he had received correspondence from Andrew Lamia. He made copies for everyone and put it in their mailboxes.

Thurston thanked Weaver and the front office staff for getting the water district refund checks out and handling all the calls and requests for reissued checks. She also stated that she had read about some legislation that was in the works for funding for the water lead line identification and replacement mandate. She would like to have a “Plan B” for the COVID-19 federal stimulus monies if funding were available for the water lead line project. Discussion followed. Thurston suggested that a public hearing be held to get the residents’ input on how the federal stimulus monies should be used.

Douglas stated that he agreed with Thurston’s idea on a public hearing.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Andrew Lamia	2836 N. Michigan