

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING
Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**Carrollton Schools - Cavalier Center
3211 Carla Dr.**

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

There being a quorum, Supervisor Abney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten, Office Manager Megan Weaver, Don Scherzer and Steve Rutkowski from Spicer Group.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Purpose of the Special Meeting:

Supervisor Abney welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Carrollton Public Schools for allowing the Township to use their facilities. He introduced Don Scherzer and Steve Rutkowski from Spicer Group, Inc.

Scherzer and Rutkowski presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached) showing the proposed sewer lateral lining project for the 205 residences in the Hanchett Sewer District. There was a large amount of Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) recorded in the district. Rutkowski explained that inflow is rainwater that enters laterals through roof drains, foundation drains, sump leads and floor drains. Infiltration is groundwater that enters the lateral through clay tile joints, intruding tree roots, broken pipes, and poor connections to the mainline sewer.

Scherzer explained that when the Township received the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant a few years ago, the entire sanitary sewer system was cleaned, videoed, and monitored. The Hanchett Sewer District had the largest volume of I & I from the grant study. As an example, Rutkowski showed a video of a flow monitor placed in one of the district's manholes that recorded 1.5 million gallons in a 6-month period. This was very strenuous on the system as sanitary sewer systems are not designed to handle heavy stormwater events. It also causes additional costs in treating stormwater as well as energy costs from pumping the additional water.

Rutkowski covered the options to solve the I & I which were either total replacement of the sewer lateral leads or rehabilitation of the leads by doing a process called lateral lining. Lateral lining was the less expensive option and avoided complete excavation of the property owner's

yard. Once the lining was complete, there would be no more infiltration and it would renew the pipe's life for 50-75 years.

Scherzer presented the preliminary cost estimates for the proposed lateral lining project. The total cost was estimated at \$2,150,000. Carrollton Township proposed to fund 58% of the project and the remaining 42% would be covered by the property owners in the district through a special assessment. Each property owner would also receive a backflow preventor (approximately \$2,500 each). The rough estimate per property owner would be \$300 per year for 20 years.

Scherzer further explained that in order for a special assessment district to be established, 51% of the property owners in the Hanchett Sewer District would need to sign a petition. No petition, no project. Carrollton Township does not intend to move forward with the proposed sewer lateral lining project without a petition from the property owners. If enough signatures are acquired, there would be a public hearing with the property owners to establish the district and a second public hearing to establish the special assessment roll. Once the district is established, the Township would begin the engineering of the project with the assistance of Spicer Group. Scherzer stated that he had petitions available to anyone that would like to take them that evening to begin obtaining signatures. Three residents volunteered to take petitions with them.

Scherzer and Rutkowski fielded many questions from the public. Some residents were under the assumption that this project would fix the backup of stormwater in the streets of their subdivision. That was not the case. Stormwater backup was a completely different issue than the sanitary sewer I & I problem. Much discussion followed.

Abney informed those in attendance that he appreciated them attending and that "the ball was in their court". He had hoped that more would have attended, and he realized that those in attendance cared about the issue, and he appreciated them whether they were for or against the project. A total of 51% of the 205 property owners needed to sign the petition to move forward. Abney asked them to please spread the word among their neighbors and share the printed copies of the PowerPoint presentation that Spicer Group provided. Weaver stated that she would email the presentation to anyone that requested it as well. More discussion followed.

Board Comments:

Westphal thanked those in attendance and stated that Carrollton Township was trying to do the best for them.

Douglas thanked Spicer Group for their presentation and thanked the residents for attending. He realized this was a large amount of money that was being requested to achieve the funding for this project. He asked the residents to go home and take some time to think about it. The I & I problem was no one's fault, but we have the opportunity to fix it.

Abney thanked everyone again for attending. He knew that they cared because they were there!

Adjournment:

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Douglas to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Jeff Lea	3780 Ventura
Belinda Lea	3780 Ventura
Roseann Dezarn	717 Stinson
Terri Garabelli	916 Stinson
Sue Brandi	736 Caravelle
Sue Shaver	3866 Bellenca
Scott Sova	3826 Vanguard
Melissa Anderson	708 Stinson
Joshua Gray	715 Piper
Andy DuRussel	708 Stinson