

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 27, 2021**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	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 5:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten, Office Manager Megan Weaver, DPW Superintendent Don Sumption and Fire Chief Bob Tetloff.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Westphal to approve minutes for: August 30, 2021 - regular meeting, September 13, 2021 – departmental meeting and September 16, 2021 - special meeting. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

Weaver explained to the board members that she would like to discontinue listing the Michigan Townships Association’s weekly emails as board correspondence. The emails were a regularly published newsletter and board correspondence was more for specific letters/emails to the board members. It was board consensus to discontinue listing the weekly emails from MTA as board correspondence.

Accounts Payable:

Douglas asked questions about the invoices paid to Saginaw County Road Commission. He also discussed the pothole at the corner of Schust and N. Michigan and asked that SCRC be notified. Sumption responded that he did let them know and that SCRC may be waiting to address that area when N. Michigan is redone in 2022. Douglas stated that he was not willing to wait until 2022 and asked that they address it as soon as possible. Sumption would contact SCRC again.

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Abney to approve the September Accounts Payable in the amount of \$219,051.90. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Quarterly Investment Report:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to receive and file the quarterly investment report as of June 30, 2021. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Oatten informed the board that there was a court hearing for 3777 Bauer held on September 20. The defendant did not attend, and a default judgement was ordered by Judge Frank ordering that the property be cleaned up within seven days from the date of the hearing or Carrollton Township has the right to enter the property to clean it up and assess the charges to the property taxes. Both Oatten and Sumption were making a plan for labor and equipment to clean up if needed.

Sumption stated that the DPW is still chipping brush from the storm that occurred on September 7. A normal monthly brush pickup was about three truck loads, and they were currently at 32 truck loads and still not done. Sumption stated that other DPW duties were being neglected in order to get the brush picked up. He checked with a local landscaping company just to see what the cost would be if the Township were to contract the brush pickup out when storms like this happen in the future. It would cost approximately \$11,000 for one week (labor and equipment at \$275/hour). Much discussion was held on how to prepare and save for something like this in the Garbage/Recycling Fund. The chipper is 35+ years old and in order to continue this service to our residents, we're going to need a "Plan B" when acts of nature like this happen again. More discussion followed.

Sumption stated that the Saginaw County Road Commission was not happy with a couple of areas on Skyhaven Ct., and they would be re-doing some of the road construction work. All questions from residents need to be directed to the SCRC. Oatten spoke with the director of SCRC and was assured that once it was fixed, there would be no issues moving forward. Discussion followed.

Pending Business:

Douglas stated that he would like the walk-thru of Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza) to be a public meeting. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to call a special meeting for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00pm. Abney stated that he would be traveling out of state for work and would not be able to attend. Thurston stated she would not be able to attend on September 29. Much discussion followed and Douglas withdrew his motion. It was board consensus to walk-thru Carrollton Center at the regular October 11 board meeting (with October 18 as a backup date if Oct 11 did not work with the property manager's schedule).

Oatten stated that there were currently three petitions out for the proposed Hanchett Sewer Special Assessment District. He had spoke with a resident today that was approached by a neighbor to sign the petition, and he had some questions related to the sewer lateral project as he was unable to attend the September 16 special meeting. Discussion followed. Abney asked if the Township was allowed to charge different sewer rates to different areas of the Township dependent on pump station flows. Oatten responded that he did not think that was allowed under the law. Abney asked Oatten to ask the Township attorney if that was a lawful option.

New Business:

Weaver presented a weekly report provided by Netsource One showing the top blocked inbound connections that occurred between September 20-27. She explained that with the number of blocked connections (thousands), Netsource One has suggested that the firewalls be replaced as they are approximately six years old. She presented a quote to replace the firewalls at both the Fire Station and Municipal Building (copy attached). Discussion followed. It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to approve the quote from Netsource One for firewall replacements at the Fire Station and Municipal Building for a total amount of \$7,655.32. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten presented the Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant Agreement between the Township and Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for \$611,398. He also presented the proposal from Spicer Group for the grant project to begin November 1, 2021. Discussion followed. It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to approve the project quote from Spicer Group for the DWAM Plan and Final Distribution System Material Inventory (DSMI) Grant Project in the amount of \$427,923 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Westphal to set the Halloween trick or treat hours as 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2021. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, asked if the number of accidents had increased on N. Michigan due to I-675 being closed for construction. Oatten stated that he was not sure but could check the reports. Ms. King also asked if the suspect that was being chased at 1:30am this morning had been caught. Oatten responded that he did not know. Ms. King asked that the house on the corner of N. Michigan and Howard (west side) be looked at for code enforcement violations.

Director Comments/Updates:

Oatten stated that the attorney was reviewing the changes that MD7 made to the Cell Tower Agreement per our request. He would let them know as soon as the review was done.

Oatten would be attending a webinar hosted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and there may be some ordinance amendments needed soon.

Weaver discussed the update on State revenue sharing and how the Township's decrease in population in the 2020 Census would have an effect on the calculation for constitutional revenue sharing. The projected 2% increase in statutory revenue sharing was announced by the State and she explained that the population count has no effect on statutory revenue sharing payments. She would keep them updated as she received more information.

Board Comments:

Fritz asked if anything had been mentioned about the proposed dredging of the Saginaw River that was talked about a couple years ago. Oatten stated that all of that had been put on hold since the pandemic began.

Douglas thanked both Oatten and Tetloff for having the Police and Fire Departments involved in the Tribute Game held on September 17 at Carrollton High School.

Douglas stated that at the last Planning Commission meeting held September 21, it was suggested that the Township recognize property owners in the township that keep their homes and yards looking nice. It was also suggested to move the annual Dumpster Day to the spring instead of fall and to collect tires at the same time.

Abney thanked the DPW for all their hard work on picking up brush from the storm.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Abney to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Rose King 3427 N. Michigan