

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 31, 2022**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Supervisor Abney	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Thurston	Absent – arrived 5:34pm
	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, Office Manager Megan Weaver, DPW Superintendent Don Sumption and Fire Chief Bob Tetloff.

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:

John Olvera, 3590 Church, stated that he was in attendance in support of the Township trying to get the owner of Carrollton Center to clean up the property and fix the buildings.

Zenos Dupuis, 3461 Carrollton, introduced himself to the board and stated that he and his wife would be taking possession of 3461 Carrollton Rd. the following day and planned to open a coffee shop and family-style restaurant. There was a lot of cleanup and improvements that needed to be made to the building and property first. On the meeting agenda was his application for a liquor license for the restaurant and he hoped the board would approve it. Mr. Dupuis stated that his entire family is from Carrollton Township. He and his wife own a similar establishment in Birch Run and he now wants to invest in his hometown.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Douglas to approve minutes for: December 27, 2021 - regular meeting and January 10, 2022 – departmental meeting. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to approve the January Accounts Payable in the amount of \$294,340.37. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Quarterly Investment Report:

It was moved by Abney and supported by Thurston to receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for 12/31/21 as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Tetloff stated that his firefighters would be painting the Fire Station's training room, radio room, kitchen, and bathrooms soon. This had not been done in 30 years. He also presented two quotes for new ceiling tile for the Fire Station. His recommendation was for the higher quote as the ceiling tiles were fire resistant. The firefighters would be doing the installation so there would not be any labor costs. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to approve the quote from ASI Building Products for new ceiling tiles for the Fire Station in the amount of \$5,166 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried. Board members thanked the firefighters for offering to do the installation to save on costs.

It was noted that the Carrollton Township Fire Department had a total of 161 fire runs for calendar year 2021. This was 25 more runs than the previous year.

Oatten presented the Saginaw County 911 report for calendar year 2021. Total 911 calls for Carrollton Township were 4,402. This was a 4.4% increase from 2020. Saginaw County (as a whole) had 184,635 dispatched calls in 2021 for police services. This was also a 4.4% increase over 2020. Discussion followed.

Sumption informed the board that the on-site audit had been completed as part of the Township's membership to the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority. He would bring the completed audit report to the board as soon as it was received.

Pending Business:

Abney informed the audience that the owner of Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza), Mr. Kouza, had been invited to the meeting that evening, confirmed that he would attend, and then did not show up. Oatten stated that he had received a phone call from Mr. Kouza's attorney at 3:00pm and he had stated that he and Mr. Kouza wished to have the property maintenance manager in attendance too; and therefore, the February 14 board meeting would work better with their schedules. Oatten asked Building Inspector Jim Gray to give an update on the property for those in attendance.

Gray stated that most of the southern end of the center was currently condemned as the roof was in terrible shape along with several other issues including mold. Gray continued that a roof permit had been pulled by a contractor; however, the weather changed soon after and they have not begun the work. He has been told that the owners have obtained bids for painting the outside of the building. Both the fire suppression system and all the fire extinguishers have been inspected and re-certified. Much discussion followed.

Douglas apologized to the members of the audience that he had invited to attend. He had wanted to show the property owner that the condition of the center was of very much importance to the community. He asked when the board last did the walk-thru of the property. Weaver responded October 11, 2021. Douglas further stated that he had run out of patience with Mr. Kouza.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to express disappointment in the fact that the property owner of Carrollton Center, Mr. Kouza, did not show up to the January 31, 2022 board

meeting as promised and to Oatten communicate that to Mr. Kouza and his attorney. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

New Business:

It was moved by Abney and supported by Thurston to approve Resolution #2022-01 recommending the application from See Three Investments, LLC for an On-Premises Retailer Liquor License and Permit to be located at 3461 Carrollton Rd. be approved (copy attached).

Roll call:	Abney	Yes
	Thurston	Yes
	Douglas	Yes
	Fritz	Yes

There being 4 ayes and 1 absence, the resolution was adopted.

Public Comments:

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, stated that she had recently become a school crossing guard (she had been one in prior years) and her post was at the curve on Carla Dr. She said there was a lot of kids that crossed there from both sides. Oatten thanked Ms. King for stepping up as he has been short on crossing guards and have not had anyone apply recently.

Dave Brushaber, 3780 Bauer, thanked the board and Township staff for resolving the blight and other code enforcement issues at 3777 Bauer. It was very much appreciated by he and his neighbors.

John Olvera, 3590 Church, thanked the Township for posting on Facebook the previous weekend regarding the death on Ridgeland. Mr. Olvera stated that it would have been nice if Mr. Kouza would've shown up that evening as the condition of Carrollton Center must be addressed. He also asked if the Township's website could recognize local businesses. He would also like to see something on the website where residents can submit code enforcement complaints anonymously. Oatten responded that any code complaints turned in to the code enforcement officer by phone or in person can be made anonymously if requested.

Director Comments/Updates:

Oatten gave the following updates:

- Three new streetlights have been installed on Hanchett at the intersections of Pioneer Trail, Tulane and Ridgeland
- Owen Tree Service will be in the area clearing vegetation near power lines
- Signs that say "Authorized Personnel Only" will be placed by the driveway that leads to the back parking lot of the Township Municipal Building for safety reasons
- The new Township Director newsletter that is mailed out with the quarterly water/sewer bills highlights the new Iron Belle Trailhead project scheduled for this spring. Oatten gave a brief update on the project to the members of the audience and passed around the newsletter for them to view the plans

Weaver stated that the due date for 2021 winter taxes was Monday, February 14, 2022. The Township will continue to collect both summer and winter taxes until February 28 (with penalty). All delinquent taxes will be sent to the Saginaw County Treasurer on March 1, 2022.

Weaver informed the board that an additional \$1,189.33 had been received in America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This was due to the State reallocating all disbursements due to some communities not accepting the grant funds.

Board Comments:

Douglas apologized again to the members of the audience for Mr. Kouza’s “no-show”.

Thurston asked for an update on the water lead line replacement plan. Sumption responded that the pre-bid meeting was scheduled for February 10 with a bid award date of February 18. This part of the project (lead line identification) would be funded by the DWAM grant and was being executed by Spicer Group. There were 335 random addresses selected for lead line identification and a letter will be sent out to those residents soon. Discussion followed.

Fritz asked if the sights for the new pistols were received. Oatten responded that they were, and Officer Kaylor will be doing the training for all of the officers soon.

Fritz asked questions about the two 2017 Ford police patrol vehicles and the recent repairs that were made. Discussion followed.

Abney thanked everyone for attending that evening and promised them that the board would not let up on the much-needed improvements for Carrollton Center. He continued saying it was an honor to serve the residents of Carrollton Township and this board was proud of the changes that have been implemented thus far and would continue to make even more improvements for the community.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Jim Gray	Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator
David Cook	Assessor
Joan Douglas	1828 Kelly
Zenos Dupuis	3461 Carrollton

Raymond Jones	3675 Jackson
Dave Brushaber	3780 Bauer
Bill Feriend	1075 Schust
John Olvera	3590 Church
Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Mark Myczkowiak	550 Tulane