

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING  
Monday, December 12, 2022**

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

There being a full board present, 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 Thurston and supported by Fritz to accept the agenda as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Pending Business:**

Oatten reviewed the agenda for the CAVS Committee meeting scheduled for the following day. A total of four proposed road projects would be discussed and Oatten was still waiting on the 2023 allocation amount from Saginaw County Road Commission. Discussion followed.

**New Business:**

Abney reviewed the public survey results from the Carrollton Township 2020 Master Plan. He stated that he was very proud of the current Township Board as they have addressed many issues that the public asked for including improving roads, cleaning up blighted properties, and improving Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza). Abney stated that he would be attending the next Planning Commission meeting to go over the same information with those members as well. Much discussion followed.

Thurston pointed out that one of the survey responses was for the improvement of sidewalks. She asked if the DPW had started an inventory of the Township's sidewalks so that the worst ones could be addressed first. Weaver responded that she would have to check with DPW Superintendent to see what had been completed, but she knew that the DPW had been quite busy with the water lead line replacement mandate from the State and the installation of new water meters. Douglas suggested that the sidewalks on N. Michigan be addressed first since the road had just been improved and it was the main thoroughfare. Discussion followed. Thurston reiterated that she would like to see the ARPA funds used for sidewalk improvements and asked that the DPW get started on the inventory as soon as possible.

Thurston discussed the Michigan Sparks Grant program administered through the State DNR. One round of funding was near completion, but there would be two more rounds in 2023. She suggested that a meeting be set up with Spicer Group to apply for a grant in the spring to improve the township parks. She further discussed the option of making Sherman Park a

“passive park” which means the park is more of a natural area and less developed. So, for example, instead of a playground area, you would create a more natural setting with wildflowers and a natural habitat for local wildlife. Abney stated that he liked that idea for Sherman Park as it was less of a neighborhood park like the other two parks on Stoker and Hanchett. Discussion followed. Abney asked Weaver to amend Pending Business Item #3 on the agenda to be labeled “Roads/Sidewalks/Parks” for future board meetings.

Oatten reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Preparation timeline with the board members.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Director Comments:**

Oatten stated that the bids were due soon for the Stoker District Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.

Oatten informed the board that he, Sumption and Weaver had met with Spicer Group reference the 2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan opportunity. By this time next year, we should know if we have been selected. Discussion followed.

Weaver stated that the Recreation Basketball and Cheerleading programs were well underway. Games were held on Saturdays at the school thru February 4, 2023.

**Board Comments:**

Douglas stated that the Lions Club members and volunteers would be packing the food drive boxes on Monday, December 19 at 3pm. The food drive distribution was scheduled for December 20, 2pm-5pm from the DPW garage.

Thurston stated that she had seen many complaints on Facebook about the tree company, Chop, that was contracted by Consumers Energy to clear tree limbs from the power lines. Oatten responded that residents that had called in were directed to Consumers Energy to file official complaints. Thurston asked Oatten what she should do about the loud music that was coming from the street behind her. She claimed it sounded like a band practicing and it was all day long. She had called 911 a couple of times, but the music would stop before the police arrived. She was very frustrated with the situation. Oatten stated that he would do some investigation to find the source and get back with her.

Westphal asked if the blight issue that resident Bonnie Blanton had brought before the board had been resolved. Oatten responded that the owner had been ticketed.

Abney stated that Planning Commission member Tim Gnatkowski’s young adult son had passed away unexpectedly the week before. He asked for a brief moment of silence for Caleb Gnatkowski.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Thurston to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Judy George 705 Oakview  
Rose King 3427 N. Michigan