

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TOWNSHIP BUDGETS
Monday, March 20, 2023**

<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 6:08 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Megan Weaver and Police Chief Chris Kellett.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Budget Hearings:

The following township budgets were presented. The budgeted amounts represent what is needed for expenditures and other uses for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

1. General Fund	\$1,018,292
2. Municipal Street Fund	\$ 592,400
3. Building/Inspections Fund	\$ 28,207
4. Special Investigative Fund	\$ 17,132
5. Recreation Fund	\$ 34,032
6. Sewer Fund	\$1,942,513
7. Water Fund	\$1,211,459

Public Comments: Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, asked if a comparison of water and sewer rates from other municipalities could be provided to the public. Weaver responded that she would work on getting those and have them ready for the meeting in April.

Other Business:

Abney stated that since all board members were present, other issues that need board action could be addressed. Abney reviewed with the other board members the recent contract negotiations between the Personnel Committee (Abney and Fritz) and both Weaver and Kellett for their new positions. He stated that Director Weaver had accepted the offered salary of \$75,000 effective 4/01/23 with 3% raises for the following two years.

Abney stated that Chris Kellett had not accepted the offer from the Personnel Committee for the Police Chief contract with salary of \$65,400 effective 4/01/23 with 3% raises for the following two years. Abney explained that Kellett had worked an exorbitant amount of overtime for the past

several years making his annual pay as sergeant over \$115,000 in 2022. The Township was not willing to pay that high of a salary for a police chief of a community this size. Discussion followed. Thurston stated that clearly the overtime hours had not been managed well for several years. Abney added that the Personnel Committee explained to Kellett that an overall decrease in overtime must be addressed for the Police Department, no matter who the chief is. Much discussion followed.

Discussion was held on the payout for unused PTO hours for all management contracts. Currently, the amount was 80 unused hours. Thurston suggested that it be raised to 96 hours. It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to increase the amount of unused PTO hours to be paid out for all management contracts to 96 hours effective with contract year beginning 4/01/23. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to approve the employment contract with Megan Weaver for the position of Township Director effective April 1, 2023 for a starting annual salary of \$75,000 with 3% increases for the two following years (with final contract to be presented at March 27 meeting). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to allow the Personnel Committee to continue negotiating with Kellett for the police chief position and if a contract could not be settled, to post the open position publicly. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Board Comments:

Westphal thanked Weaver for her hard work on the budgets.

Fritz stated that he was excited about the upcoming road projects.

Thurston expressed her appreciation to both Weaver and Kellett for stepping up over the last few weeks after Oatten passed away.

Douglas thanked Abney and Fritz for their hard work on negotiating the contracts with Weaver and Kellett. He asked that some sort of retroactive payment for the work that Weaver and Kellett did over the past several weeks be considered. Discussion followed.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Abney to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Rose King 3427 N. Michigan