

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2023**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Supervisor Abney	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Thurston	Present
	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 Megan Weaver, Police Chief Chris Kellett, and Fire Chief Bob Tetloff.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Employee Recognition:

Board members recognized Office Clerk Tricia Mejia for 20 years of service (not present).

Public Comments:

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, asked how the code enforcement officer would be handling the properties on N. Michigan that had new grass planted after the road project last year. Ms. King stated that the “ditch grass” between the sidewalk and road grew much faster than the rest of her grass and it was full of weeds. Weaver responded that the code enforcement officer would be citing those properties where the grass was more than 6” tall, no matter what side of the sidewalk.

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing opened at 5:35 p.m.

Steve Rutkowski, Spicer Group, presented the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program Project to the board members and audience. He explained that Carrollton Township will be submitting a plan for water main projects on Meadowlawn, Oakview, Flanders, Alura, Cadillac, Sally, Savoy, Catalina, Belair and Riviera (totaling \$5.2 million). The water mains in these areas are old, undersized mains that are in need of replacement. The project would replace existing water mains, valves, hydrants, and water services to the property line with all new construction. If the project is approved for funding, it is anticipated that construction would take place in 2024.

The public hearing was part of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy’s (EGLE) requirement and the draft project has been available for the public in the Township Office since March 28. The completed project plan is due to EGLE by June 1.

Raymond Jones, 3675 Jackson, asked if Meadowlawn was on the list. Rutkowski stated that it was. Mr. Jones commented that the road project could not be done on Meadowlawn until the water main is replaced. That was the reason for his question. Discussion followed.

Douglas asked if any of the cost would be assessed to the property owners. Response: No, the Township will either be awarded grant monies and/or sell bonds to pay for the projects. Discussion followed.

Public Hearing closed at 5:49pm.

Rutkowski had a couple of updates on other current projects in the Township. The core samples have been completed of the municipal building parking lot and Spicer Group recommends doing a 4" mill and fill for the new parking lot surface. Discussion followed. Weaver stated that Sumption would be obtaining quotes for this project to bring to the board.

Rutkowski gave an update on the Stoker District Sewer Lining Project. The contractor was about halfway done with the sewer laterals and all sewer main lining had been completed. There were eight sewer lateral lines that could not be lined due to tree root balls and large calcium deposits. Rutkowski discussed a couple of different options that the Township had to fix the issues and the costs that would incur, or the Township could leave those laterals as is. A total of 100 sewer laterals were a part of this project; so only 8% could not be lined. Weaver reminded the board that the sewer lateral line is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Township is only responsible for the sewer mains. Much discussion followed. It was board consensus to make a decision on the eight sewer laterals at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to approve minutes for: March 27, 2023 - regular meeting and April 10, 2023 – departmental meeting. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Fritz to approve the April Accounts Payable in the amount of \$460,834.30. 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 for 3/31/2023. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Tetloff informed the board that the Fire Department attended two funerals for CTFD retirees - Marty Garchow (1971-1984) and Ken Tobias (1963-1973).

Tetloff stated that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) had recently completed their analysis of the fire services provided by Carrollton Township Fire Department and gave a final community

classification rating of 4. Weaver explained that the ISO has a rating scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the best. Carrollton's previous rating was 5. Discussion followed.

Kellett commended Officer Fulco for his actions during an armed robbery at Sav-A-Lot. Officer Fulco arrested the suspect with no one being injured.

Kellett stated that the new Ford Police Interceptor had been damaged in the parking lot of M&R Electronics where it was being outfitted with all of the required equipment. M&R Electronics has confirmed that they will be fixing it and getting the vehicle back to us as soon as possible.

Kellett stated that he and Jim Kellett represented Carrollton Township Police Department at the funeral of the son of retired CTPD Officer Dan Owen. Dan's son Josh Owen was tragically killed in the line of duty while serving as a Sheriff Deputy for Pope County, MN.

In Sumption's absence, Weaver reviewed the DPW board report. She stated that Sumption had the sanitary sewer line cleaned and recorded to see if the sink hole on N. Michigan (near Schust) was due to our main. It was not and the Saginaw County Road Commission would now be looking to find the cause.

Weaver stated that the Road Commission had installed access catch basins on Mapleridge near the high school to hopefully alleviate the flooding that occurs when it rains. Sumption would be getting a cost for jetting that line annually. Discussion followed.

Weaver stated that the garbage and recycling curb carts were delivered the week prior, and the contractor completed the delivery on Saturday, April 22. Her staff had a busy week answering calls from residents with questions about using the new carts. For the most part, she felt that the overall response from the public was more positive than negative. Discussion followed.

Pending Business:

Weaver stated that Carrollton Center was 12 days away from their deadline set by the court to complete the roof, parking lot and sidewalks. They have not pulled a single permit for any work as of today.

Weaver informed the board that the 2023 road projects (Pioneer Trail and Lynn St.) would be starting the week of May 15. She did not have a start date yet for the road project on N. Michigan (State project). She did receive confirmation from Sumption that the road commission would be pouring gravel in the road radiuses this coming week in the intersections affected by the N. Michigan road project last summer. Discussion followed.

Weaver stated that she found the sidewalk project information from 2016 that Treasurer Thurston had asked about. Sumption will have more on the topic next month.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-02 amending Chapter 42, Solid Waste, Article II. Collection and Disposal, Division 2. Pre-collection Practices, Sec. 42-56, 42-57, and 42-58 (copy attached).

Roll call:	Douglas	Yes
	Fritz	Yes
	Abney	Yes
	Thurston	Yes

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

New Business:

It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to approve the quote from Hugo’s Locksmithing for a keypad entry system for the back doors on the municipal building in the amount of \$1,595 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to accept the resignation from Dawn Teneyuque from the Recreation Committee effective April 30, 2023 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Douglas to reappoint David Morley, Jeff Boensch, and Paul Steinke to the Board of Review with terms ending 12/31/24. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Dane Baase, 3705 Jefferson, stated that the house on the corner of Jackson and Balsam was falling in on itself and there were many animals seen going in/out of the house and garage. Mr. Baase also stated that the property directly across the street from him was where City Sewer Cleaners dumps their spoils and while he knows that they are permitted to do so; he felt that they were dumping more than what they should and the stench, mosquitos, gnats, and flies that are a result of the dumping were absolutely horrible for him and his neighbors to deal with. Mr. Baase’s final complaint was about the house on Jefferson (second house in from Sherman on the north side) as the owner was feeding feral cats. The number of cats was multiplying weekly it seemed like and he asked what could be done about it. Weaver stated that she would have the code enforcement officer check on Mr. Baase’s complaints and get back with him. Kellett stated that while there wasn’t an ordinance reference cats, if the amount of cats was extreme like Mr. Baase stated, it becomes a health and welfare issue that he can enforce with the property owner. Discussion followed.

Rose King, 3427 N. Michigan, asked about the new stop signs for the school crossing guards. Weaver responded that there had been delays in shipping and with it being so close to the end of the year, the Police Department will wait to hand them out next fall. Ms. King asked what could be done about groups of adults and/or older children that gather at the parks making it so small kids can’t play. Kellett responded that unless they have alcohol or are at the park at night, there wasn’t much he could enforce.

Director Comments:

Weaver stated that she was nearly done with editing the Township’s new website and it would go live on May 3.

Kellett stated that a total of 30 pounds of pills had been collected between the front lobby drop box and the Drug Drop Off event held April 22.

Kellett planned to hold the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 6:00pm at Carrollton Village.

Board Comments:

Fritz stated that Carrollton Public Schools had requested a Special Election on August 8 for the renewal of their operating millage that expires 12/31/23. Since this was not a federal or state election date, the school would have to pay all costs to run the election. Discussion followed.

Thurston stated that the MTA Annual Education Conference held the previous week at Grand Traverse Resort went very well. She attended a class about grant programs provided by MSHDA for property owners to do home repairs. She will bring more information to the board in the near future.

Douglas stated that he had reached out to the school superintendent about the expiring operating millage a few months back.

Douglas stated that at the last Planning Commission meeting, a resident had inquired about having horses on her property. Weaver stated that she was aware of the request and since the property was zoned R-1 and needed to be A-1 to have horses, she would have to request a rezone hearing. Weaver told Douglas to have her come into the office and fill out the form and pay the fee of \$350 for a rezone hearing. Discussion followed.

Abney also attended the MTA Conference and said he enjoyed it. He spoke about the federal funding available for broadband services and that their goal was to have internet service for every household in the country and to provide computers to the under-privileged.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Rose King	3427 N. Michigan
Kathy Tetloff	565 Rustic
Dane Baase	3705 Jefferson

Elizabeth Arroyo	3688 Jefferson
Raymond Jones	3675 Jackson
Judy George	705 Oakview
Steve Rutkowski	Spicer Group