

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, July 10, 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 present, Supervisor Abney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Director 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:

Weaver informed the board members that she had contacted the attorney to file the appropriate paperwork to show-cause the owner of Carrollton Center to court for failure to repair the parking lot and re-roof the south end of the complex. Discussion followed. Douglas mentioned that the weeds were very tall in their parking lot and surrounding grounds. Weaver would have the code enforcement officer check it out.

Weaver presented the calculation of overcharges for 2895 Hermansau. She explained that the record retention for the tax and utility bill history was 7 years; however, she was able to find the records back to 2010. A refund of three years back for both the water/sewer ready-to-serve charges and the trash collection charge was sent on June 30. The home was previously billed as a two-unit before the current owner purchased the property in 1990. Weaver could not answer why the trash and water/sewer charges were billed as a two-unit after it was purchased, as it was before she worked for Carrollton.

Fritz stated that he did not want to refund more than what the ordinance allowed for. Thurston agreed. Abney stated that he thought it was the right thing to do by refunding back to 2010. Thurston stated that there is a reason the ordinance is written the way it is, and refunding more than the ordinance allowed would not be something she would support. More discussion followed.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to refund the property owner at 2895 Hermansau for the overcharges between 2010 and 2019 for the trash special assessment (\$1,300) and the water/sewer ready-to-serve charges (\$1,277.96) and to not set a precedence for future similar situations.

Roll call:	Douglas	Yes
	Westphal	No
	Fritz	No
	Abney	Yes
	Thurston	No

There being 2 ayes and 3 nays, the motion failed.

New Business:

Weaver presented a quote from Engel's Auto Body for repairs needed on the 2018 DPW truck. The truck has a few rust spots and since the driver (DPW Laborer Kyle Pender) would be off in August for the birth of his first child, Sumption would like to have the repairs done then. Discussion followed. It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to approve the quote from Engel's Auto Body for \$1,547.44 for the 2018 Chevy Silverado DPW truck (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Weaver presented a resolution that would formally adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for Saginaw County. She reminded the board that this was one of Craig Oatten's last projects that he worked on. Fritz questioned the ISO rating numbers in the plan. Discussion followed. Weaver would get clarification and let the board members know.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to adopt Resolution #2023-08 Adopting the Saginaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan – April 2023 (copy attached).

Roll call:	Abney	Yes
	Thurston	Yes
	Douglas	Yes
	Westphal	Yes
	Fritz	Yes

There being all ayes, the resolution was adopted.

Public Comments:

William Bennett, 1816 Crescent, presented the letter he received from the code enforcement officer. He was very upset with the wording in the letter because it was basically accusing him of dumping yard waste on the neighboring property. He did not do so. Abney requested to see the letter which also included a picture of the violation. Mr. Bennett asked if the half torn down fence in the picture would be addressed by code enforcement. Discussion followed. Westphal stated that she had talked to both the code enforcement officer and the police chief about the matter as all the adjoining properties were sent the same letter. She felt that the situation should've been looked into further before sending the letter accusing each property owner of dumping. Abney agreed and told Mr. Bennett that the matter would be looked into and taken care of.

Reuby Davis, 1948 Crescent, stated that her neighbor had a mulberry tree that was very close to

the lot line. She had been trimming back the branches for years as it hung over her property and driveway. She asked the neighbor to have it cut down and he ended up having half the tree removed and then sold the property. So, half of the tree is still there, and she asked if the township could do anything to enforce the removal of the rest of the tree. Abney responded that the township could not force the owner to take it down, but Ms. Davis should try to talk to the new owner to see if he was open to the idea. Ms. Davis said that she did introduce herself to the new owner and he told her he had plans to clean up the property; however, the tree is still there. Abney told Ms. Davis to keep trying and she had the right to trim any overhanging branches up to her property line in the meantime.

Director Comments:

Weaver informed the board that the presentation of the audited financial statements would be at the August 14 board meeting.

Weaver stated that the community survey for the joint recreation plan would end that evening.

Board Comments:

Westphal stated that she had been torn on the decision for the refunds; but in the end, wanted to follow the ordinance.

Fritz suggested that a listing of the road projects done thus far (with costs) be added to the Township's website. Weaver would do so.

Fritz discussed having each board member and department head create a list of goals and objectives to be discussed in the future. Much discussion followed.

Douglas stated that he was disappointed that the board had a chance to correct the issue on the overcharges for 2895 Hermansau and didn't because of the ordinance.

Douglas informed the board that the Lions Club would be cooking dinner for the Carrollton Village residents on August 16 at 4pm. He invited them to attend.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Abney to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Reuby Davis	1948 Crescent
William Bennett	1816 Crescent