

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 29, 2019**

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Supervisor Abney	Present
	Clerk Fritz	Present
	Treasurer Thurston	Absent – arrived 6:13pm
	Trustee Douglas	Present
	Trustee Westphal	Present

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 Westphal and supported by Fritz to accept the agenda as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Susan Hopper, owner of 937/939 Palmetto, informed the board that back in February, Michigan law changed and if a tenant does not want anyone to enter the property, they have that right to deny entry. She had a lot of trouble with one of her renters in letting the inspector in to comply with the Township's ordinance for inspections of non-owner occupied dwellings. She ended up having to pay her renter to let the inspector in. She just wanted the board to be aware of the law change.

Richard Hopper, owner of 937/939 Palmetto, stated that he understood why the board chose to implement the ordinance for inspections of non-owner occupied properties; however, he felt there were issues in the way it was implemented. There is no standard to adhere to and the ordinance requirement for inspections is very vague. He also believed that requiring an inspection every three years was highly punitive. Discussion followed. Abney asked Mr. Hopper if the Township had a brain-storming session reference this ordinance, would he be willing to come. Mr. Hopper stated that the Saginaw County Landlords Association would be a good place to start that process.

Chuck Pappas, 3875 Vanguard, expressed his support for the landlords.

Saundra Buchinger, 3905 Vanguard, voiced her concern over the proposed "no parking" on the streets in Skyhaven Subdivision. She has four children and there are five drivers that live in her home. She felt that banning parking on one side of the street was more reasonable than both sides of the street.

Steve Coughran, 3855 Bellenca, stated that he's lived in his home for 40 years and is an avid walker. He does not feel that parking on the street is a problem. He's talked to all of his neighbors and they feel that if parking is banned on both sides of the street, we will then have drivers that speed thru the subdivision and that is a much bigger safety concern.

Ray Spitler, owner of duplexes on Baylor Ct., stated that he, along with some other landlords in the area were getting quotes on expanding the driveway from single width to double width. He also felt that moving the mailboxes to one side of the road on Baylor Ct. and then allow parking on the other side would be helpful.

Pat Stuart, 492 Atlanta, stated that parking on the street has always caused congestion in Carrollton. She expanded her driveway – that’s what you have to do.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Westphal to approve minutes for: March 18, 2019 – public hearing, March 25, 2019 regular and April 8, 2019 – departmental meetings as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to receive and file the correspondence as listed for April 2019. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Westphal to approve the April Accounts Payable for the amount of \$241,854.03. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Quarterly Investment Report:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Abney to receive and file the quarterly investment report for March 31, 2019 as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to promote Austin Hathon to the position of Firefighter. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten informed the board that all of his police officers attended active shooter training.

Oatten stated that a total of 25 pounds of pills were collected on National Take-Back Day held April 27.

Sumption informed the board that the seasonal DPW laborer started work on Monday, April 22. Smoke testing was done in the Hanchett Sewer District and there were a few areas of concern that were addressed.

Abney stated that he would like to take advantage of collecting tires to take to Saginaw County Mosquito Control for disposal. He would like to get some volunteers, set a date, and provide pickup of tires at the road from residential properties only.

Pending Business:

Abney thanked the residents for attending and voicing their opinions on the parking situation in Skyhaven Subdivision and on Baylor Ct. Board discussion followed. Fritz felt that closing just one side of the roads to parking was the best solution. Abney agreed and then reevaluate the situation after one year. More discussion followed.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to move forward with restricting parking on one side of the streets in the areas that have been discussed subject to input from the Saginaw County Road Commission, the United States Postal Service (in reference to moving mailboxes), and final ordinance language with development of the greenbelt areas for optional parking spaces. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

New Business:

Weaver presented the public survey for the Master Plan update that is currently available online thru May 19. Residents may also pick up a hard copy to fill out in the front office. Board members encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

Sumption presented three quotes for the electrical work needed at Hanchett Pump Station. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to approve the quote from Klein Electric for \$4,462 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Sumption presented three quotes for a new DPW truck that included a Chevrolet, a Ford and a Dodge model. Discussion followed and Sumption recommended the quote from Garber Chevrolet. It was moved by Thurston and supported by Abney to approve the quote (copy attached) for a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD with service body for \$42,096.10. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Tetloff presented the proposed Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement for Saginaw County. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Westphal to adopt Resolution #2019-08 adopting the Saginaw County Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement (copy attached).

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

There being all ayes, the resolution was adopted.

Oatten informed the board that he had applied for a second grant for the Iron Belle Trail project. The DNR awarded a \$50,000 grant to Carrollton Township for trailhead acquisition and design. Discussion followed. It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to move forward with a State appraisal of the land for trailhead placement. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Weaver presented a request from the TPOAM bargaining units to close the Township Office on Friday, July 5, 2019 and allow employees to use PTO hours for that day. Thurston expressed her opposition to the request as she felt the office needs to be open to serve our residents. It was moved by

Thurston and supported by Westphal to deny the request from the TPOAM bargaining units. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Bessie Keller, 937 Ridgeland, opposed the idea for allowing residents to create parking spaces in the greenbelt area. She felt this would lower the property values. Abney stated that he had consulted with the Township's assessor and the parking spaces would not help or hurt property values. Ms. Keller stated that she had contacted the Saginaw County Road Commission in regards to the cement that was left on the both corners of Ridgeland and Bauer when the fire hydrants were moved years ago. The areas of cement are cracking and sinking. Ms. Keller also commented on the deteriorating condition of Skyway Plaza.

Chuck Pappas, 3875 Vanguard, asked who determined what side of the roads will be closed to parking. Abney responded that the side of the road that has fire hydrants would be the side that was closed. Mr. Pappas stated that Kochville Township used to pick up tires for residents but discontinued the service due to liability reasons. Mr. Pappas asked Thurston about her comments from a previous meeting on the parks not being safe. Which park was she speaking about? Thurston replied that it was Hanchett Park. Mr. Pappas asked which park had the cameras installed and who monitored them? Oatten responded that Stoker Park has the cameras and the Police Department monitors them.

Scott Sova, 3826 Vanguard, suggested that residents send letters to Save-A-Lot in reference to the deteriorating building and parking lot as that may help put pressure on the property owner to clean the place up. Mr. Sova also expressed his frustration with audience members talking while someone has the floor to speak to the board.

Ray Spitler, owner of duplexes on Baylor Ct., asked if the mailboxes are required to be moved, will that cost be covered by the Township or the property owner. Oatten stated that the specifics have to be worked out with the Postmaster; but more than likely the property owner will be responsible for the cost.

Director Comments/Updates:

Oatten informed the board that Saginaw County Mosquito Control had completed their spring aerial spraying treatment.

Oatten stated that the Township's liability insurance risk manager met with all department heads on April 23.

Weaver stated that she was working with Duclos Insurance on obtaining quotes for Cyber Liability insurance with \$1 million coverage. She was also working on a request for proposal for banking services. She would bring more information to the board as it was available.

Board Comments:

Douglas asked Weaver to get quotes on the Cyber Liability insurance for larger amounts as he thought the \$1 million was too low. Douglas informed the board that the Lions Club White Cane event held April 27 raised \$237. The Lions Club 5K Walk/Run Race for the Blind is May 4 at 9am followed by the Spring Dash & Dine sponsored by the Carrollton Education Foundation.

Thurston agreed on obtaining quotes for a larger amount of coverage for Cyber Liability insurance.

Fritz handed out the rough draft of Oatten’s performance evaluation and asked the board members to review and be ready for the next meeting on May 13.

Fritz asked about the possibility of issuing tickets to residents that violate the weed and grass ordinance on the first occurrence. Oatten would look into it.

Westphal stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting was scheduled for July 16 at 6pm. She also asked the audience members to consider getting involved with the Recreation Committee as there were three vacancies currently.

Abney thanked everyone for attending and he appreciated the input.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Thurston to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

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| Dale Kalmerton | 3815 Ventura |
| Richard Hopper | 850 Roeser |
| Susan Hopper | 850 Roeser |
| Frank Rivette | 534 Nylon |
| Carol Lagalo | 3815 Bellenca |
| Scott Sova | 3826 Vanguard |
| Chuck Pappas | 3875 Vanguard |
| Sue Brandi | 736 Caravelle |
| Rose King | 3427 N. Michigan |
| Martha Stuart | 3774 Ventura |
| Mrs. Finazzi | 938 Ridgeland |
| Bessie Keller | 937 Ridgeland |
| Gary Gaudreau | 3858 Bellenca |
| Betty Gaudreau | 3858 Bellenca |
| Ted Coughran | 3855 Bellenca |
| Steve Coughran | 3855 Bellenca |
| Saundra Buchinger | 3905 Vanguard |
| Christopher Washburn | 3875 Bellenca |
| Jessica Washburn | 3875 Bellenca |
| Pat Stuart | 492 Atlanta |