

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2020**

<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 5:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Director Craig Oatten.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Public Comments: None.

Pending Business:

Oatten stated that the owners of Carrollton Center (Skyway Plaza) had corrected all of the violations cited after doing the walk-thru of the property last summer. The parking lot is still not the greatest; but there have been improvements made.

Discussion was held on the committee of residents that was forming for the proposed road millage ballot question slated for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

New Business:

Oatten presented the conceptual design created by Spicer Group of the Iron Belle Trailhead proposed to be located at 4400 Lorraine. The design includes a parking lot, benches, a trail kiosk, a bike repair station, trees to buffer the surrounding residential homes and an entry sign. The preliminary estimate of cost was \$187,000. Oatten reminded the board that this was just a beginning design concept to work from and no action was needed. Much discussion followed.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to accept the letter of resignation from Code Enforcement Officer Jon Jozwiak effective January 20, 2020 (copy attached). There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Oatten explained that the property owners of Carrollton Village had requested some amendments to the tax exemption ordinance that the board passed in August, 2019. After discussing with the Township's attorney, it was decided to schedule a meeting with the property owners to understand what changes they are requesting and for what reasons. It was moved by Douglas and supported by Westphal to table the agenda item until more information could be obtained. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments:

Judy George, 705 Oakview, asked why the code enforcement officer was leaving. Abney stated that he was hired by Saginaw Township at a pay rate that Carrollton couldn't compete with.

Director Comments:

Oatten reminded the board members that the Neighborhood Watch meeting was scheduled for the following evening, January 14 at 6:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Oatten stated that he and the other department heads were reviewing the schedule of insured property for the upcoming renewal with the liability insurance company on March 1.

Oatten informed the board that Police Officer Jim Kellett would be retiring in the near future and he had accepted a position at Carrollton Public Schools as a full-time security officer. Oatten has requested a meeting with the school superintendent as he was unsure if the schools still wanted a school resource officer as well as a security officer. He would bring more information to the board after the meeting. Discussion followed.

Board Comments:

Fritz asked if the new police patrol vehicle would be arriving soon. Oatten responded that the last time he called; he was told it would be a January delivery date. Fritz also asked that monies be budgeted for the Township Office parking lot. Oatten stated that Weaver was working on a schedule of capital assets with proposed replacement dates for the General Fund.

Thurston stated that since Weaver budgets conservatively on the incoming State revenue sharing; that maybe any extra funds that come in should go towards capital asset planning. Thurston thanked Oatten for the Police Department's assistance with the loose dogs on her street. She also commented on how many car break-ins there had been recently and asked Oatten if he had any leads on the culprits. Oatten responded that they have video footage of what looks like four teenagers approaching a vehicle; however, the identities of the culprits cannot be determined.

Douglas stated that at the next Planning Commission meeting, Spicer would be providing a final draft of the Master Plan for approval. Also, Douglas commented on the trailhead design and how some of those same concepts could be applied to our existing parks. Discussion followed.

Abney asked Oatten to provide the road millage information to the public that attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 14.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance:

Judy George 705 Oakview