

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
Monday, October 12, 2020**

<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. Others present: Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager 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:

Oatten informed the board that he had a zoom meeting scheduled with Eric McGlothlin, Bond Attorney with Dickenson Wright and Andy Campbell with Baker Tilly Municipal Financial Advisors on Wednesday to discuss the bond options for road projects funded by the millage. Discussion was held on the questions that the board members would like Oatten to ask. He would bring the information to the next board meeting and also inquire on having them come to present in person.

Oatten stated that he had spoken with the Carrollton Public Schools Superintendent reference using their gyms for the Township's Recreation Basketball program. She indicated that the program would not be allowed to run at their facilities until the State of Michigan reached Phase 6 of the State's Safe Reopening Plan. Oatten would inform the Recreation Committee that it was probable that the basketball program would not happen this year.

Weaver informed the board that the outstanding balance for delinquent water/sewer bills was \$49,738. Additionally, another 40 accounts that are vacant and shut-off have outstanding balances of approximately \$30,000. During this time of year, her staff was usually preparing all of the delinquent account balances to be transferred to the winter tax bill for collection. Due to the Governor's COVID-19 Executive Order to reinstate water service back in March, she had sent out letters giving residents until the end of the calendar year to pay in full, otherwise their water would be shut off on January 4, 2021 (when the order expired).

Since then, the Michigan Supreme Court determined that Governor Whitmer did not have authority after April 30, 2020 to issue or renew executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion followed. It was board consensus that, due to much uncertainty regarding the State Legislature and whether executive orders would be reinstated, to only transfer the delinquent balances of vacant properties to the winter tax roll for 2020. The active accounts with outstanding balances will still have until the end of the calendar year to pay their balance to avoid discontinuance of water service.

New Business:

Weaver presented the tabulation of bids for the trucks and trailer being sold (copies attached). It was moved by Abney and supported by Douglas to award the bid for the 2002 Ford F350 (with plow) to Jared Sage in the amount of \$6,100 and the 2003 Ford F350 to John Sage in the amount of \$5,100. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to reject the one bid received for the trailer (below minimum bid) and to put out for bid again. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Director Comments:

Oatten stated that repair work was underway at the railroad crossing located at Carrollton and Sherman roads. It was expected to be completed on October 14.

Oatten reached out to the attendees of the Neighborhood Watch meetings to see if they wanted to meet in the near future. Out of the twenty letters sent, he had received three responses and those residents were still reluctant to meet in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oatten informed the board members that he was starting to receive responses from the “no parking” survey that was sent out to Baylor Ct. and Skyhaven Subdivision residents.

Board Comments:

Douglas asked the board members to consider creating a beautification committee. He also suggested having our police officers visit the local stores and ask if they would put up signs in reference to the consequences of littering. Douglas also suggested having area groups maybe sponsor a road in the Township and keep it clean. Discussion followed.

Fritz asked where the proceeds of land sales were receipted. Weaver responded that they were considered a sale of a capital asset and the funds were receipted to the General Fund. Fritz informed the board that the public accuracy test for the November 3 General Election was scheduled for 1:00pm on October 21, 2020.

Abney asked Weaver if she could fix the link on the Township’s website for the schedule of meetings. Weaver apologized and stated she would fix it.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance: None present.