

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
DEPARTMENTAL MEETING  
Monday, December 14, 2020**

**Via Zoom Webinar**

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<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	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. Everyone was in attendance via Zoom including Director Craig Oatten and Office Manager Megan Weaver.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comments:** None.

**Pending Business:**

Discussion was held on the Facebook post made by a resident in reference to their code enforcement violation letter. Oatten stated that the issue had been addressed. Abney stated that he had helped the resident remove the tree stumps and spoke with him about the notification letter that was standard for all code complaints.

Oatten informed the board that Building Inspector Jim Gray had sent out letters for all expiring building permits that did not have final inspections requested. He had received about 20 call backs so far. Those that do not respond will be reported to the State's Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) department.

Much discussion was held on the CAVS Committee meeting held December 10. It had been the committee's consensus to not issue bonds for road projects in the first year of the road millage collection. There was too much uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic and the residents' ability to pay property taxes on time; therefore, the projected revenue from the millage was unknown. The committee was in favor of looking at bonds in future years. Thurston voiced her concerns over not taking advantage of the low interest rates for bonding. Fritz stated that he was not in favor of bonding at all and liked the "pay as you go" approach where projects would be chosen each year dependent on the tax collection revenue. More discussion followed.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Fritz to not bond for the first year for road projects and use the 2020 road millage tax revenue for a project to be determined in the 2021 construction season. There being 4 ayes and 1 nay (Thurston), the motion carried.

Weaver stated that the total amount of delinquent water/sewer accounts was \$46,393.45. She anticipated a second round of funds (\$2,789.63) to be provided through the State grant for those residents that are on food assistance. As for the scheduled shut-off date of January 4, 2021 for all those still delinquent, the Senate had passed SB 241 on December 10, 2020 allowing water service to remain on until March 31, 2021 due to the risk of public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Weaver further explained that she anticipated the House to pass the bill as well and the DPW would not be doing water service shut offs until at least April 1, 2021. She would keep the board updated.

Oatten stated that he had still not received a call back from the Saginaw County Equalization Director in reference to the proposed Designated Assessor agreement.

Weaver informed the board that she had not received the final documentation from the Saginaw County Public Works Office in reference to the Phase III watermain project bond closure. She hoped to receive it near the end of the calendar year.

**New Business:**

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Thurston to reappoint to the Construction Board of Appeals: Bill Dalton, Timothy Geese and William Schmitt with terms ending 11/25/2022. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Abney to put out for sealed bid the 2007 Chevrolet Impala with a minimum bid set at \$4,000. There being 4 ayes and 1 nay (Westphal), the motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Director Comments:**

Oatten informed the board that the Iron Belle Trail grant project was no longer on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and he would bring further information to them as he received it.

Oatten was having all department heads review all insured Township vehicles and equipment as part of the policy renewal process with MyMember Insurance.

**Board Comments:**

Douglas stated that he was particularly proud of Clerk Fritz, Deputy Clerk Mejia and the election workers for all their hard work in the 2020 General Election. He was frustrated with both Congressmen Moolenaar and Wakeman for supporting the Texas lawsuit contesting the 2020

Election results in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan. He further stated that he stands by Carrollton Township and the election process.

Douglas thanked everyone for their help with the annual Lions Club Holiday Food Drive thus far. The kick-off event held December 9 was a total success and the club planned to feed 150 families this year.

Abney agreed that the food drive kick-off event was very successful. There was great support again from Save-A-Lot this year and a resident donated \$1,000 to the cause. He asked Weaver to write a thank you letter to the resident for their generous donation.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Thurston and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance: None present.