

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 28, 2020**

Via Zoom Webinar

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<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 5:38 p.m. Everyone was in attendance via Zoom including Director Craig Oatten, Office Manager Megan Weaver, DPW Superintendent Don Sumption and Fire Chief Bob Tetloff.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Fritz to approve minutes for: November 30, 2020 – regular and December 14, 2020 – departmental meetings as presented. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

It was moved by Fritz and supported by Thurston to receive and file the correspondence as listed for December 2020. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Thurston to approve the December Accounts Payable in the amount of \$213,581.33. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Departmental reports were reviewed. There were no financial requests.

Oatten presented a letter from Chief Clifford Block of the Saginaw Valley State University Police Department thanking Sergeant Chris Kellett for his quick assistance in the November 12,

2020 incident on campus. A suicidal employee armed with a handgun had barricaded himself in the Science West building. Unfortunately, after several hours, the incident ended with the subject dying by suicide. Sgt. Kellett’s knowledge of the University was a great asset as other agencies arrived on location and Chief Block was thankful for the professionalism and selflessness displayed by Kellett and all of those who responded.

Pending Business:

Weaver reported a total of \$81,858.76 owing in delinquent water/sewer bills. She also informed the board that Public Act 252 of 2020 was signed into the law by the Governor which does not allow the disconnection of a public water supply to any occupied residence due to nonpayment through March 31, 2021. Discussion followed.

Oatten reported that he had still not received a response reference the proposed designated assessor contract with Saginaw County. He would keep the board updated.

New Business:

It was moved by Abney and supported by Westphal to reappoint to the Board of Review: Greg Dupuis, Paul Steinke and David Morley with terms ending 12/31/2022. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Douglas and supported by Fritz to reappoint to the Planning Commission: Tim Gnatkowski and David Brushaber with terms ending 12/31/2023. It was noted that Gnatkowski’s membership on the Zoning Board of Appeals as a representative of the Planning Commission would also be renewed through 12/31/2023. There being all ayes, the motion carried.

It was moved by Abney and supported by Thurston to adopt Resolution #2020-11 permitting the delay of property tax payments without penalty until March 1, 2021 for those that file a Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim by February 16, 2021 (copy attached).

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

There being all ayes, the resolution was adopted.

Oatten reviewed the timeline for the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budgets.

Public Comments: None.

Director Comments/Updates:

Oatten stated that Spicer Group had submitted the application for the Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant on behalf of Carrollton Township. He said that a second grant was going to be available for the replacement of lead water lines. He would keep the board informed.

Oatten stated that the current MDHHS Epidemic Order was extended to January 15, 2021 and he planned on keeping the Township Office closed to public walk ins until then. Discussion followed. It was board consensus to keep the office closed to the public.

Weaver stated that her staff remained on a rotation for working in the office and working remotely from home. There was great communication, and she was proud of her staff for being so flexible and accommodating to the residents as the office remained closed to the public.

Board Comments:

Westphal asked everyone to stay safe and wished them a Happy New Year.

Douglas thanked everyone for their support in the Lions Food Drive. He asked Oatten if the parking survey was completed. Oatten stated that he would put together the survey responses for the next board meeting.

Douglas asked Weaver if she had heard any updates on the water millage collection refund. Weaver was still waiting for a response from the County Public Works office. She would keep trying.

Fritz stated how thankful he was for all the employees and appointed officials that make Carrollton Township run smoothly. Fritz also commented on Sherman Park (in reference to the drain special assessment that the Township recently paid) and whether it was necessary to keep the park. He asked about the lot for sale at the corner of Schust and Mapleridge and whether something could be developed there. Oatten stated that the price tag was too high, and he was more focused on the lot purchased by the Township across the street for the development of the Iron Belle Trailhead.

Abney suggested having the playground equipment at Sherman Park relocated to the property designated for the Iron Belle Trailhead. Discussion followed.

Abney asked if the water millage collection refunds could be applied to residents' delinquent water/sewer accounts. Weaver responded no. Abney discussed sending letters to those that are getting the millage refund suggesting they use the funds to pay their water/sewer bill. Discussion followed.

Abney wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for their hard work in 2020.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Westphal and supported by Fritz to adjourn. There being all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Public in attendance: None present.