

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 15, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Jim Fulton, Trustees Bryan Duffield, Jerry Willmeng and Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bryan Duffield.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Michigan Nurseries, Inc. (DeGroot’s) Expansion**

Supervisor Ken Parrigin turned the meeting over to Michigan Nurseries, Inc. (DeGroot’s) to explain their expansion and file their Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT). Shane, from Cornerstone Alliance, who is assisting them explained the project over all. He answered any questions from the Board and audience. Supervisor Parrigin asked if there were any more questions from the Board or audience. There were none.

**CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING -BOARD TO MAKE DECISION ON PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10pm. Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve IFT for Michigan Nurseries, Inc. (DeGroot’s). Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the IFT for Michigan Nurseries, Inc. (DeGroot’s). **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Duffield, yes; Harper, Yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. **6 AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer James Fulton presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Fulton reported the finance committee met and approved the July expenses totaling \$401,143.84. Moved by Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to approve the consent agenda and July 11, 2018 meeting minutes. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes. **6 AYES. APPROVED.**

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Caleigh Dahn gave a review on Amicus Dog Park. Caleigh had support letters and information from other Dog Parks as to how successful they have been. This has been a 7-month project for her to earn her Gold Award for Girl Scouts. There will be a Public

## PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

Hearing on August 21, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Coloma Charter Township hall asking for a Special Land Use Permit for this Dog Park.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Michigan Nurseries, Inc. (DeGroot's) has requested the sewer line be extended 800' at a cost of \$46,000.00. Supervisor Parrigin will follow up on this project.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated the Personnel Committee has begun work again on the Employee Hand Book update.

Clerk Kraemer also reported on the North Berrien Community Development golf outing informing everyone it was very successful and all had fun.

Supervisor Parrigin reported the Berrien County Road Commission has started putting asphalt on Van Road at a cost of \$141,000.00. Big "C" lumber had a water back up which is being taken care of by Berrien County Road Commission.

Treasurer Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission does not have a lot going on right now. He reminded everyone there will be a Public Hearing at 6:30pm on August 21, 2018, requesting a Special Land Use Permit for Amicus Dog Park.

Police Chief Jason Roe reported there were 220 complaints were investigated for the month of July, 2018. 6 Obstructing Justice, 1 larceny, and 19 suspicious situations. It stated there were 13 arrests, 103 traffic stops, 20 citations issued, 91 traffic warnings, and 135 property checks.

Trustee Rob Harper stated the "Old Granddad Fire Truck" has been repaired at a cost of \$2,374.00. There were 23 calls in August. 9 in Hagar Township, 12 in Coloma Township, 1 in City of Coloma, and 1 on I94/I96. Fire Chief, Michael Mattix, requested to conduct a controlled training burn at 3066 Friday Road, in Coloma Township, on Saturday 13, 2018 with a rain date of Sunday October 14, 2018. Supervisor Parrigin asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board or audience. After discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve this live burn. Trustee Brian Duffield, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve this live burn by the North Berrien Fire and Rescue. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes. 6 AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Trustee Bryan Duffield informed everyone Kendyl Adams is interested in the Cemetery Board seat that is vacant. Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion of approval. Trustee Rob Harper, seconded by Treasurer Jim Fulton, made a motion to approve Kendyl Adams for the vacant Cemetery Board seat. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 6 AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin stated the MERS Retirement plan will continue the same until the Township's obligation is paid in full.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trustee Jerry Willmeng asked Berrien County Commissioner Dave Vollrath about a Resolution that was in the Board Packet. Commission Vollrath stated the Berrien County Commissioners are not happy with the modified speed limit amendment and asked for a speed limit study to be done. He also informed everyone the night meetings the Berrien County Commissioners are successful and they will continue. The grand opening of the Watervliet County Park should be next month.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved