

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 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, Matt Moser, and Jerry Willmeng. Absent Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Matt Moser.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer James Fulton presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Fulton reported the finance committee met and approved the April expenses totaling \$171,058.65. Moved by Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to approve the consent agenda and April 11, 2018 meeting minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes.  
6 AYES 1 ABSENT APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleigh Dahn, Amicus Dog Park, updated the Board and everyone on the progress of the Dog Park. So far, the donations total \$6,550.00 and she just found out that Honor Credit Union Foundation approved a \$3,600.00 grant so she has reached her goal of \$10,000.00 The top soil, Trees and Foliage, Fencing, Water Fountain, and signage is being scheduled. She is in the process of making a large sign for the Dog Park rules. Caleigh has a time frame she is following and hopes this Dog Park will come together and will celebrate on the weekend of Glad-Peach.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, informed everyone the new 2018 Coloma Watervliet Chamber of Commerce visitor's guide has been printed and she is in the process of getting them distributed. Chana reported the Grand Opening at Casey's in Watervliet was a great success.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Supervisor Ken Parrigin stated the Bids on the County Roads in Coloma Township have been approved and the Road Commission is ready to begin 2018 projects.

Police Chief Jason Roe reported there were 206 complaints for investigated for the month of April, 2018. 12 Obstructing Justice, 13 larcenies, and 25 suspicious situations. He stated there were 28 arrests, 151 traffic stops, 19 citations issued, 156 traffic warnings, and 109 property checks. He then answered questions.

Due to the absence of Rob Harper, Clerk Sandy Kraemer, gave brief report stating there were 20 fire calls in April. The Fire Chief and Fire Board have accepted a bid for a new fire apparatus to replace 4160. The Cost of the new truck will be \$106,759.00 purchased from 1<sup>st</sup> Attack Engineering, Inc. However, they have some capital expense funds from the sale of fire apparatus that they intended to use toward this purchase. Therefore, the amount needed from the municipalities from fire truck millage funds total \$75,000.00. This amount was included in the 2018/19 budget. The Coloma Charter Township's share is \$35,100.00, Hagar Township's share is \$30,600.00 and the City of Coloma share is \$9,300.00. The North Berrien Fire and Rescue will also be refurbishing Fire apparatus #4172 with the remainder of the capital expense funds that are on hand. The Fire Chief requested permission to purchase five new Mustang Ice Rescue Pro Rescue Suites. Also, in addition to the suites he would like to purchase a set of Ice Awls, and whistles. Total for the request is \$4,768.75. Revenue from the dive equipment will cover this purchase. Motion approved. Deb DeLaTorre, from the Ladies Auxiliary, stated they are planning another Quarter Auction in October.

Trustee Matt Moser, reported on the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Treatment Plant. Coloma Township was #1 in percentage of flow for the month of March, at 39%. The Operations report for April, 2018, there is one of the Recirculation motors in and running and the second one was just received and will be installed next week. The Jones & Henry proposal for the Final clarifier construction cost is not to exceed \$5,000.00. The plant would have to pay 50% on the insurance for retiree's health care premium.

Trustee Bryan Duffield informed everyone the Cemetery is going into their busy season and everyone is getting ready for it.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated at the December, 2017, Board meeting, Police Chief Jason Roe had presented a 1.50% increase for a Public Safety millage (Police & Fire Services) and to get the ballot for the August 7, 2018 election ballot we needed to make a decision. There was a lengthy discussion on this and it was decided to do a 2% Public Safety millage. It was approved. After thinking it over we would like to rescind the 2% Public Safety millage that was approved in December, 2017, back to 1.5%. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to rescind the Public Safety millage (Police & Fire Services) from 2% to 1.5%. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated the Township is applying for State Disaster Assistance under Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act. The Coloma Township Board needs to approve a resolution requesting assistance and designating Laura Baumeister as the applicant's agent authorized to act for and on its behalf. Clerk Kraemer asked for approval of State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant, Resolution #2018/19 #7. After discussion Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, made a motion to approve the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant, Resolution #2018/19 #7. ROLL CALL VOTE: Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer stated approval was needed for the cost of the new brush truck which cost totals \$106,759.00 but due to the North Berrien Fire and Rescue having some capital expense fund from the sale of Fire apparatus which was intended to use toward this purchase. So total costs to the 3 municipalities is \$75,000.00. Coloma Township's cost is \$35,100.00. After discussion Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Clerk Sandy Kraemer, made a motion to approve the \$35,100.00 which is Coloma Township's portion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Berrien County Commissioner, Dave Vollrath, reported the first night meeting for the Berrien County Commissioners was well attended. The County Commissioners would like to do a study on Parks around the County and estimated the cost of the study would be about \$25,000.00 He also reported there is a place that will collect old tires if anyone was interested. He announced he is running for Berrien County Commissioner again.

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ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved