

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Matt Moser.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the March expenses totaling \$325,647.25. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and March regular meeting Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Sandy Kraemer received a letter requesting support from the Coloma BBQ, Blues, & Cruise Festival. Clerk Kraemer stated the amount was \$1,000.00 last year and asked for a motion to approve this request. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to support the Coloma BBQ, Blues, and Cruise with \$1,000.00 to help cover expenses. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. 7 AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Sandy Kraemer received a letter requesting support from the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival. Clerk Kraemer stated the amount was \$2,000.00 last year and asked for a motion to approve this request. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to support the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival with \$2,000.00 to help cover expenses. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. 7 AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin played a recorded message off his phone from Superintendent Peter Bush stating the Coloma School Board Attorneys advised the school to transfer the property to Coloma Charter Township instead of selling it for \$1.00. Seems the school could get the property back if the Township does not retain the property as a

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community park. After discussion the Township Board will wait for the letter from the school then forward it to our Attorney for recommendation.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, stated the St. Patrick's Day Festival went well and good attendance. She informed everyone the Coloma BBQ, Blues, & Cruise Festival will be held on June 13, 2015, in Baker Park downtown Coloma. The music will begin at 3:30pm and go until 10:00pm. There will be good eats, good music, and good fun for everyone. Please plan on attending.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported the Road committee has received proposals back from the Berrien County Road Commission with the figures. He stated the Road Committee will make the final decisions and informed the Board next month.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported the Planning Committee had made a decision on the Tuscany Hills project and there will be a 1st reading of an ordinance under new business.

Chief of Police, Randy Pompey, presented the March Police report. He stated there were 237 complaints investigated in March, 39 arrests, 49 traffic citations issued, and 161 Business property checks. Chief Pompey informed everyone about "Operation Fresh Start" that will begin April 13th and go until May 1st. This project focuses on enforcement of the blight ordinances in the Township and City of Coloma. The project is not designed to raise revenue, but to assist residents in their effort to beautify the City and Township of Coloma and bring everyone into compliance with the ordinances. Chief Pompey also asked for approval to purchase new 2016 Ford Explorer for an estimate of \$32,000.00 which he budgeted for on his 2015/16 budget. Trustee Rob Harper, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, made a motion for the Police Department to purchase a new 2016 Ford Explorer for an estimate of \$32,000.00. ROLL CALL VOTE. Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. 7 AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Rob Harper stated the Fire Department responded to 9 fire runs in March. He showed a design of the new Fire Truck. He stated the computer at Station I crashed so they will investigate getting a new one not to exceed \$500.00. The ladies auxiliary will be hosting their annual craft show and Chili cook off on Saturday, April 18th.

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They received bids from three contractors to replace the compressed air lines at Station 1. Two contractors turned in bids. Recommendation is to go with Town and Country Plumbing with a total price of \$4,075.00. Seeking Board approval.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported the Cemetery has started their Spring Clean Up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sandy Kraemer asked for approval of the list of election workers for the upcoming May 5, 2015 Special election. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to approve the list of election workers for the upcoming May 5, 2015 Special election. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. 7 AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Jim Fulton introduced Attorney Mike Bell, representing TTD Investments, LLC. Attorney Bell explained there were a few amendments in Ordinance# 107 to the "R-3" Multi-Family Residential District of Tuscany Hills and he has been working with the Township Attorney Katherine Kaufman . Both Township and TTD Investments, LLC have come to an agreement and the planning committee has approved the amendments. The 1st reading for this is as follows: We do not have formal approval from the Berrien County Planning Dept. at this time. They will be meeting on April 14, 2015, and will address this issue. The Township Board can still do the 1st reading of the ordinance and then when they get the approval from the County Planning Dept. they will have it before the ordinance adoption at the May 13, 2015 meeting. This was the recommendation of John Gruchot, Planning Coordinator for Berrien County. Supervisor Parrigin asked if there were any questions, if not he asked for approval of the 1st reading. Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve Tuscany Hills Conditional Zoning request and have 1st reading on Ordinance # 107 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Duffield, yes; Becht, yes; Fulton, yes; Kraemer, yes; Parrigin, yes; Moser, yes. 7 AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin informed the Board there was a water problem behind "Big C" Lumber Company and we need to divert the water to a ditching area. He asked for

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approval to get this corrected at a reasonable cost. After discussion Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to have this water issue corrected by diverting the water to a ditching area at a reasonable cost. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 7 AYES MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____