

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 9, 2014

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, Matt Moser, and Rob Harper.

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 \$394,287.70. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and March Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Gierada, from the North Berrien Historical Museum, presented a new resolution and new wording for the North Berrien Historical Museum millage renewal proposal. She stated they consulted an attorney and he advised them of the correct resolution and wording. She asked the Township Board to rescind the resolution and wording that was presented at the March, 2014 Township meeting and approve the new resolution and wording for the renewal proposal. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to rescind the resolution and wording presented at the March, 2014 Township meeting and approve the resolution and wording presented at this April, 2014 meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Chip Shaw, from Best Way Disposal, introduced Chris Phillips who will be the new representative attending the monthly Township meetings. Chip is not leaving but taking on some new responsibilities.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer stated the Township received a “Thank you” from the Coloma St. Patrick’s Day Committee for the Township donation.

Clerk Kraemer received a letter from the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival requesting the Township support the festival. She stated the Township has given a \$2,000.00 contribution in the past. Trustee Bryan Duffield, supported by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to contribute \$2,000.00 to the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer received a letter from the Coloma BBQ Blues and Cruise Festival thanking the Township for support of this festival and asked for the Township support again this year. After discussion Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Coloma BBQ Blues and Cruise Festival. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, announced the St. Patrick’s Night Parade went great. It was a little cold but the turnout was good. She stated the next festival will be the BBQ Blues and Cruise to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014. There will be a BBQ contest for anyone who would like to enter.

Chief Pompey presented his monthly activity report and highlighted some of the items in his report. Total complaints investigated for the month was 231. He reported Berrien County had received a Traffic grant and Coloma Township Police will participate in this grant. He stated when Coloma Township has two cars on the Road and there is a need to leave the area one car will leave and one will stay due to the fact they keep the Township and City covered.

Trustee Rob Harper presented the report from the North Berrien Fire and Rescue Board. The Fire Department responded to 17 fire runs in March. It was decided the part-time firemen who cover during the daytime hours would also take care of the lawn care at that station. The purchase of lawn care equipment totaled \$3,797.98. It was decided at a Special Meeting on March 18, 2014 the North Berrien Fire Rescue Department would unwind the fire protection with Bainbridge Township.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Trustee Jim Fulton reported there will be a public hearing next week regarding Fleming Bros. renting their property to Patroit Fireworks to sell fireworks on their property.

Supervisor Parrigin stated the Berrien County Road Commission began to fill pot holes in the Township.

Treasurer Becht gave the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Plant Summary for February, 2014. He reported Coloma Township used 9,171,600 gallons which was 35% of the total usage. He stated they received a SAW grant. Staff has been doing some inside painting and clean-up. Flows have been rising due to snow melt. Plant is in compliance.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated the Cemetery has started clean-up from the winter.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated a motion was needed to approve Resolution #2014/15 #01, regular Board meeting dates. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Matt Moser, made a motion to approve Resolution #2014/15 #01, regular Board meeting dates. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2014/15 #02, Township Attorneys, Auditors, Engineers, Legal Publishers, Banks, and Planners. Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve Resolution #2014/15 #02, Township Attorneys, Auditors, Engineers, Legal Publishers, Banks, and Planners. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

R. C. Hoffman, Jr. of 5136 Becht Road has an issue of a water bill he received in the amount of \$156.77. He stated there are only two people in his home and he felt the amount was higher compared to his past water bills. Supervisor Parrigin advised him to go the City of Coloma meeting and explain his concern to them since they do all the water billing.

Charles Pater asked if the Township ever considered extending the sewer line on Paw Paw Lake Road. Supervisor Parrigin stated there was no consideration at this time.

Julie Hanlon of 6346 Paw Paw Lake Road (near Blatchford Road) questioned why she received an application for rental fees. She has never paid anything in the past. Supervisor Parrigin informed her if she has rentals she should have been paying these fees. The rental fee application is in the process of being updated and he will let her know when it is complete.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_