

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
August 13, 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, Matt Moser, Bryan Duffield. Absent Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Sandy Kraemer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the July expenses totaling \$213,634.04. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and July Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser yes; Duffield, yes; Fulton, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. APPROVED.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Ken Parrigin announced Louis Carroll has retired from the City of Coloma-Coloma Charter Township Cemetery as of August 1, 2014. He asked Mr. Carroll to step forward at which time he, and the City Mayor, presented him a plaque stating his employment at the Cemetery for 40 years. There will be an open house on August 19, 2014, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Coloma Township Hall to honor Mr. Carroll.

Mary Ann Groth, representing New Life Christian Center, asked if the Township would approve the Center to do a 5K walk/run. She stated they have been in contact with Chief Pompey to work out the details. Supervisor Parrigin stated so long as it worked out for the Chief they should be good to go.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Kraemer received a thank you note from the Glad-Peach Festival thanking the Township for their donation. They wanted to know if the Township had any suggestions or questions for the Festival to please contact them.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Assessor's contract is under unfinished business.

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, announced the annual Community Golf outing will be held Friday, September 12, 2014. She invited any golfers to sign up and come enjoy the day.

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission minutes were in the packets and if the Board had any questions he would be happy to answer them.

Chief Randy Pompey reported the Police Department investigated 300 complaints, 555 business property checks, 24 arrests, 1 felony arrest, and 23 misdemeanor arrests. Chief Pompey stated he planning to go on vacation the middle of next month.

Rob Harper was absent from the Board meeting but turned in his North Berrien Fire Rescue report. The firemen responded to 15 fire runs in July. Firefighter Richard Kiser earned the privilege to wear a black helmet after many hours of classroom work and training. The remodeling has been completed on the bathroom at Station 1 and the guys did a great job. The landscaping has also been completed and looks great. The NBFR is looking into the "Explorer Program". This program is run by the Boy Scouts of America and Firefighter Eric Hess is investigating it.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated now that Louis Carroll has retired from the Cemetery they only have one employee and they are still in discussion as to how they will go forward. Until they make that decision he asked for help from the City and Township when having to dig graves there should be two people present. Rory from the Township and Rod from the City will provide assistance during that time.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated the Board tabled the Assessor's contract last month so each Board member could get a chance to read it. Trustee Jim Fulton asked why the assessor was paid during the month and not at the end of the month after he completed the entire month. Trustee Bryan Duffield also was concerned about this. After discussion it was decided the Assessor will turn in his invoice and timesheet at the end of the month and be paid within 15 days of the next month. It was decided he will give a quarterly report to Board as to how he is progressing on completing his 20% review each year.

## NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer presented an AT& T 24 month renewal contract. Our previous contract has expired and if the Township does not renew this contract it will cost the Township more money. Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to renew this contract. Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to renew a 24 month renewal contract with AT & T. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Jim Fulton informed the Board the Township had several fire lanes/road ends that had been abandoned and the Township has some buyers that are interested in buying them. After Discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked Clerk Kraemer to do some research on how the Township acquired them and how they could be sold legally.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Parrigin asked Chris Phillips, from Best Way Disposal, how things were going. Chris stated Representative Al Pscholka is going to hold a second meeting with the Landfill and the Community at the North Berrien Senior Center on September 9, 2014.

Mayor Jim Polashak thanked the Police Department for the coverage at the Glad-Peach Festival. He stated all went smoothly. They had 578 runners for the Glad-Peach run. He informed everyone the re-paving of Paw Paw Street, in the City, will take about 6 weeks so please have patience.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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

