

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 15, 2012**

**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 Cindy Aviles, Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Aviles.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved July expenses totaling \$238,322.38. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, July Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Kraemer read a "Thank you" note from the Glad-Peach committee thanking the Township for the monetary contribution, Supervisor Parrigin participating at the opening ceremonies, Chief Pompey for getting the extra golf carts, and other things that the committee may not be aware of. All was appreciated.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, reminded everyone on the upcoming Golf outing on August 24, 2012 which is their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual event. This is a fund raiser for them and they are hoping for a great turn out. To date they have 51 golfers.

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Clerk Kraemer announced the Township hired a part-time person to work with Rory Bell in the sanitation/maintenance department.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin reported he met the Berrien County Road Commission about 10 days ago and they discussed some roads that need attention in Coloma Township but nothing was finalized.

Treasurer Becht presented the June and July reports from the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Plant. In June Coloma Township had 36 percent usage and in July the usage was 36 percent also. The new domes will be installed in June and two manholes in the river area must be relined to prevent water infiltration. In July three of the four domes have been installed, the repair of manholes is proceeding and unfortunately a contractor employee fell working on the trickling filters and broke his leg. He is recovering well. The Plant was in compliance both June and July. Reserve balance to date is \$790,608.00.

Chief Pompey presented the July, 2012 Police report. He highlighted some of the activities for the month and asked if there were any questions. He stated Glad-Peach festival went very well with just a few instances. He was out of the area when the tornado alert happened, late Saturday afternoon, but informed everyone his staff handled it very efficiently.

Trustee Mitchell reported the North Berrien Fire Rescue, through June, was at 28.7 percent of income and 21.7 percent of expense. He also informed everyone the Fire Board hopes to get it down to two applications for the Fire Chief's position in the next couple weeks.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Rory Bell informed everyone every 3 years the State updates code enforcements and 2012 is an update. He asked for the Board Approval of the updates. Trustee Aviles made a motion, seconded by Trustee Duffield, to approve the 2012 code enforcements. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES MOTION PASSED

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joe Martin asked about why so many garbage trucks go down his road. Can't the Township mandate the residents use just one garbage company. Supervisor Parrigin responded each home owner has the right to choose which garbage company they would like to use and the Township cannot control it.

Tony Bertuca asked what grants the former fire chief, Mr. Spiegel, submitted for the fire department. Trustee Mitchell stated he got about three times the amount of his salary which was \$55,000.00 per year. He also asked if, when interviewing applicants, if a full-time chief was needed or would a part-time chief be sufficient. Trustee Mitchell stated they are only interviewing for a full-time position but if the municipalities do not want that it would have to be renegotiated.

Marifrances Styers stated some time ago she had her property surveyed then there was a drain pipe put on the back of her property. Since that time she cannot find the stakes on the back part of her property and does not want to have to pay for another survey. Supervisor Parrigin informed her to call the drain commissioner. She has called and did not get any results. Supervisor Parrigin stated he will call and get back to her on the results.

Charles Pater informed the Board he is very concerned about the chain across the Blum Avenue fire lane. He stated children ride their bikes up and down that fire lane and he is afraid someone is going to get hurt. Rory Bell informed him that was not a fire lane it was a road end. Rory told him he would discuss it with him after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Treasurer Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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