

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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. Absent: Matt Moser

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 November expenses totaling \$169,624.60. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to approve the consent agenda and November Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. Absent Moser. 6 AYES. 1 Absent. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported a new cleaning person has been hired to clean the Township Hall. Her name is Nathalie Johnson. She started a couple weeks ago and seems to be doing a good job.

Clerk Kraemer reported it was a successful "Santa coming to Town" on December 5, 2013. Lots of people downtown and Mr. & Mrs. Claus were attentive to all the children. She also informed everyone the Annual Business Recognition and Community

Appreciation Tribute will be held on December 12th at the Friendly starting at 5:00pm and invited all to attend.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Trustee Jim Fulton informed everyone due to the question posed regarding structures on docks, shore stations and boat hoists and the application of the 45-degree view protection standards the planning commission referred this to Jay Kilpatrick, the Township's Planning Consultant. He reviewed it and stated a simple remedy would be to amend Section 5.02 "Required Yards and Use of Land and/or Structures Must Comply with District Regulations. If you would like a copy of the full change description please call the Zoning Administrator.

Trustee Rob Harper reported there were 18 fire calls in November. Trustee Harper reported three members of the Fire Board are conducting a one year evaluation of the Fire Chief. If the Coloma Township Board would like to fill out a form see Trustee Harper after the meeting. The auxiliary craft show and chili cook off was a big success. He also reported that Stuart Thurlow and Kent Churchill retired from the Fire Department. He also informed everyone a Standard Operating Guideline was set up regarding Personal Property Reimbursement. As of December 1, 2013 the North Berrien Fire Rescue will not be held liable or responsible for personal property of members of the Fire Department. Members are urged not to take personal property with them when responding to calls. If a member chooses to bring such equipment and/or any other personal property to Department incidents/events, the member will assume any and all liability of damages that occur.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed everyone Coloma Township had the largest flow, in November, with 34%. The Sewer Board has completed an application for a \$168,053.00 SAW grant. They experienced some very high flows at the end of October (3 to 4 million gallons/day) with the heavy rains. Sludge thickener replacement has begun and should be completed by the end of November. Plant is in compliance. The Sewer will begin working on their 2014/2015 budget.

Police Chief Randal Pompey presented his monthly police report stating there was nothing unusual for this time of the year. He is currently working on the City of Coloma contract. He stated is at 68% of his budget through November. He also informed everyone his department has been down one full-time employee for some time and he will be doing interviews next week to hopefully fill that position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated some of the committee terms has expired and needed to be renewed. She placed a report, into the Board packets, of the committees which needed to be renewed and asked for an approval of these renewals. Trustee Jim Fulton questioned on Board of Review committee Robert Harper was listed and should not be on that committee since he was elected a Board member. After discussion a decision was made to place Mikki Swisher on the Board of Review in place of Robert Harper. Bryan Duffield, seconded by Robert Harper, made a motion to approve the committee renewals with Mikki Swisher placed on the Board of Review. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin informed the Board the MTA Convention is being held at the Grand Traverse Resort on January 28 through January 31, 2014. He stated if any Board member is interesting in going to let Clerk Kraemer know by January 8, 2014 and she would make their reservations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Duffield informed everyone a group met to discuss de-icers on Paw Paw Lake and decided Matt Schmidt would police them and make sure the land owner is using them correctly. Bryan also noted Charlie Pater and his wife had committed a lot of time and research into this project.

Mikki Swisher asked if anything could be done about the drop-off of children at the Coloma Middle School. She stated most of the time when she or her husband drop-off their children there are cars parked with no one inside the car which makes it very difficult to pull in and drop-off their children. Chief Pompey responded he has researched this with the City of Coloma and nothing can be done at this time. He suggested she asked the school board regarding this subject.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____