

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 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 Police Chief Randy Pompey.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the January expenses totaling \$189,511.89. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and January regular meeting Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maurissa LaGrow, representative of the children Arthritis Foundation, informed everyone about the different types of Arthritis in children. She stated her organization is going to have a 5K run on April 19, 2015, 8:00am, starting at the Coloma High School football field and ending at the Coloma High School football field with a “color splash”. If anyone is not able to participate but would like to make a donation make check out to “Arthritis Foundation”. The LaGrow family is working out the details with Police Chief Pompey and City of Coloma.

Jim Hogue made a presentation on a game called “Pickle Ball” which can be played by everyone ages 8 to 80. This is an up and coming game, all over the country, and he suggested if the Township purchased Washington school it would be great to consider putting in “Pickle Ball courts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer received a donation form from the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee thanking the Township for last year's donation of \$300.00 and asking for our support again this year. The parade is a night parade to be held on March 14, 2015, at 8:00pm, starting at the North Berrien Fire & Rescue Station and going through downtown Coloma. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Rob Harper, made a motion to approve a \$300.00 donation to the St. Patrick's Day Parade. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, stated the St. Patrick's Day committee has been meeting and getting organized for the night parade on March 14, 2015, at 8:00pm. She also informed everyone the "Blues and Cruise" will start meeting soon and planning for that festival in June.

Supervisor Parrigin reported he and Trustee Bryan Duffield have a meeting set up with the Berrien County Road Commission for March 4, 2015, at 9:00am to discuss the roads in Coloma Township.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported the planning commission received a socio-economic analysis report which is being reviewed.

Treasurer Lance Becht reported the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Plant December report showed Coloma Township was the largest user of total flow this month at 33%. The plant will be upgrading the plant alarm system to be compatible with changes AT & T is making to the phone system. Martha Darling replaced Bob Wooley as a Board member. The Board officers for 2015 are Joe Stepich, chairman; Duane Cobb Vice-Chairman; Lance Becht, Treasurer; and Marsha Hammond, Secretary.

Chief of Police, Randy Pompey, stated there were 254 complaints investigated in January, 20 arrests, 23 traffic citations, and 379 Business property checks. He stated his department is investigating one embezzlement and one fraud. He stated he personally is a big supporter of "United Way" and 90% of his staff donates to "United Way", which make him very proud.

Trustee Rob Harper stated the North Berrien Fire & Rescue responded to 13 fires in the month of January. The report from Fire Chief Ruff stated the outcome of annual gear inspections have resulted in ordering 3 sets of new bunker gear to replace out of date gear. The Ladies Auxiliary will be providing hot cocoa and punch for the St. Patrick's Day parade to be held on March 14, 2015. The forensic audit is near completion. Their 2015/16 budget was discussed and will be ready for Coloma Township at the Township's March meeting. Trustee Harper reported the Fire Truck mileage for the coming year is \$275,000.00.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported the Cemetery Board is working on their 2015/16 budget and should be ready next month. He stated there is no increase in the budget and hasn't been for the last 6 years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer announced there will be a public meeting for the Parks and Recreation plan on February 25, 2015, here at the Township at 7:00pm. Immediately following this meeting the Township Board members would like to meet with Prism Science & Technology, LLC and a representative from the school to discuss the next steps to be done if the Township decides to purchase Washington school.

Supervisor Parrigin stated there are 4 or 5 right of ways and easements that need to be cleared behind Big C Lumber Company so he asked for a motion to complete this project. After discussion Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to get the 4 or 5 right of ways and easements cleared behind Big C Lumber Company. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported Prism Environmental Services has reported so far things look good on the environmental analysis. The next step is for a preliminary pre-demolition or NESHAP asbestos assessment to be performed at a cost of \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. After discussion Trustee Rob Harper, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to have a NESHAP asbestos assessment performed at the cost of \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED. After this is performed there are 3 phases in the asbestos plan removal that will need to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____