

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 8, 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, Rob Harper, and 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 June expenses totaling \$291,494.28. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and June regular meeting Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Kraemer read a thank you from the BBQ, Blues, & Cruise committee thanking the Township for their momentary donation and their support.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Clerk reported the transition from the retired Police Chief and the new Police Chief has been very smooth.

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, informed everyone the BBQ, Blues, & Cruise Festival was very successful with no rain. She also reported the tree carving, in Baker Park, should start within the next week or two and will take the carver about a week.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT CON'T

Supervisor Parrigin stated Berrien Road Commission will be back in the Coloma area to continue road repairs in about two weeks.

Lt. Jason Roe submitted the June police report. He stated there was a total of 219 complaints investigated. 23 Arrests, 33 Citations issued 153 Traffic stops, and 136 Traffic warnings, 194 Business Property checks and 21 Township Ordinance investigations. The assist to other agencies by Coloma Township Police Department was 29 for the month of June.

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the Sewer Board Audit and highlighted some of the figures for comparison between 2014 and 2015.

Trustee Rob Harper informed the Board there were 18 fire runs in the month of June. Bids for the new rescue truck were sent to 18 vendors and 2 were returned. One from Pierce for \$325,236.00 and one from Spencer for \$295,804.00. Trustee Harper stated they are looking into what might be omitted to bring the price down. Chief Ruff and the Grant Committee are still working on trying to find receipts needed before the Grant is closed out. Trustee Harper gave each Township Board member a copy of the quarterly report. He also reported the auditors found more money that was embezzled by the former Fire Board Treasurer Robert Wooley.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The final reading and approval of Ordinance #108 granting a non-exclusive revocable franchise to Indiana Michigan Power Company, aka American Electric Power, to use the public rights-of-way within the Charter Township of Coloma and to transact a local electric energy business therein; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith. Clerk Kraemer asked for an approval of this Ordinance. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to approve Ordinance #108. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION APPROVED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated a list with updated dates of committee members where in each Board member's packet and asked for an approval of the updated list. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to approve the updated list. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### NEW BUSINESS CON'T

Supervisor Ken Parrigin stated the Board needed to appoint a new member to the Police Committee since Trustee Matt Moser resigned. Supervisor Parrigin had spoken with Trustee Jim Fulton and he is willing to fill that position. Supervisor Parrigin asked for approval to place Trustee Jim Fulton on the Police Committee. Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Clerk Sandy Kraemer, made a motion to approve Trustee Jim Fulton as a member of the Police Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Smith, our new representative from Berrien County, stated he is still learning the system as a county commissioner and he is enjoying it. He informed everyone the Landfill meeting, last week, went well and the Landfill is trying very hard to eliminate the odor.

City Mayor Jim Polashak stated the tree carving, in Baker Park, is scheduled to start soon and the money needed, for the carving, had been met. The unveiling of the carving is to be during the opening ceremonies of the Glad-Peach Festival.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported our Attorney is working with the Washington school Attorneys to complete the contract between the two within the next two weeks.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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

