

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2013

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 Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, Robert Harper. Absent Trustee 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 May expenses totaling \$222,316.71. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and May Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Becht, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT.
APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Gierada, from the North Berrien Historical Museum, informed everyone there are lots of activities going on at the Museum this summer. She highlighted some of them and invited everyone to stop by when the Museum is opened.

Ken Musial, 5251 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, informed the Township Board he was walking his dog past a neighbor's home and their pit-bull came out and attacked him and his dog. He called Berrien County Animal Control and they investigated the attack. Mr. Musial filed a police report and the Coloma Township Police department investigated also. He questioned the Township Animal Ordinance as to whether a more in depth ordinance should be enforced. He thought he would appear before a judge, at which time he would present his doctors expenses and expenses from the injuries to his dog. This did not happen because the neighbor paid the fine from the Berrien County Animal Control. He stated the Coloma Township Police did a great job but were limited as to what they could do.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, stated the Coloma BBQ Blues and Cruise will be this Saturday, June 15, 2013, at Baker Park in downtown Coloma. She invited everyone to come, bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music and fun. Rain date is Sunday, June 16, 2013.

Trustee Jim Fulton informed everyone the fire arms training facility is being discussed.

Treasurer Lance Becht reported Coloma Township, in April, had 35% flow at the wastewater plant. He stated the flows were very high in April but have decreased since that time. The Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Board selected Grand River Construction to replace the sludge thickener; their bid of \$95,700.00 was the low bid. The annual plant audit has been completed and they were presented a clean audit.

Chief Police Pompey presented his May report. He highlighted some of the activities and asked if anyone had any questions. Chief Pompey presented a "Distinguished Service Award" to Officer Andy Ulleg for taking control and co-coordinating several police departments during a severe winter storm that occurred on February 2, 2013, closing several miles of I-94. He also presented two "Life Saving Awards" to Watervliet police officer Michael Prince and Coloma Township Lieutenant Jason Roe for an occurrence which happen in early Spring. Two fishermen were on the lake to do some ice fishing when they fell through the ice. A neighbor saw them fall into the lake and called 911 to which Officer Prince and Lieutenant Roe responded. They were able to rescue the two men.

Trustee Rob Harper stated in May the North Berrien Fire Rescue responded to 21 fire runs. 8 runs in Hagar Township, 9 runs in Coloma Township, 1 runs in Coloma City, 1 run on the Highways, and 2 mutual aid run. The 5 recruits have successfully completed their State Firefighter I and II training. Trustee Harper informed the Township Board he is still investigating an \$8,000.00 raise for the Fire Chief.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported an audit has been completed for the Coloma Cemetery and they received a "clean bill" from the auditors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adam Mensinger, representing Senator John Proos, gave everyone an update on the “happenings” in Lansing. Supervisor Parrigin thanked him for coming and informing everyone.

Charles Pater asked if anything further had been done regarding the de-icers (bubblers) on Paw Paw Lake. Trustee Bryan Duffield stated he had spoken to another township and their suggestion was for the property owners who want de-icers to get a permit, for them, through the Township.

Tony Bertuca stated if the township is going to set up a committee to research the de-icers (bubblers) he would like to be on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____

