

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2015**

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, 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 February expenses totaling \$168,745.86. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and February 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

Tracy Tavalacci introduced the 2015 Mr. & Miss Coloma Court and presented them with "Honorary Citizens" certificates, on behalf of the Township. Clerk Kraemer presented each member of the Court with a box of candy. Supervisor Parrigin congratulated them and thanked them for coming to our meeting.

Chief Pompey presented the "2014 Officer of the Year" plaque to Andy Ulleg. Chief Pompey stated Officer Ulleg was a model employee and exemplified all the qualities of a Police Officer. He is also a Field Training Officer which is an Officer who trains new employees. Chief Pompey stated he is happy to have Officer Ulleg as part of his team.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, reminded everyone of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day night parade which will begin at 8:00pm with line up

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starting at 7:00pm at the Fire Station. She also informed everyone the "Blues and Cruise" will start meeting soon and planning for this festival in June.

Supervisor Parrigin reported the Berrien County Road Commission informed him they will no longer reimburse homeowners for damaged mail boxes caused by snowplowing in the Township. He and Trustee Bryan Duffield met with the Berrien County Road Commission and confirmed the projected road improvements for 2015.

Trustee Jim Fulton announced there will be a Public Hearing on March 25, 2015 for the Planning Committee to discuss an addition to Woodland Terrace on Red Arrow Highway in Coloma.

Chief of Police, Randy Pompey, stated the 2015/16 Police budget is complete and has been given to Treasurer Lance Becht. He informed everyone he is happy because the budget came in below budget. Lieutenant Jason Roe presented the February Police report. He stated there were 220 complaints investigated in February, 23 arrests, 23 traffic citations issued, and 279 Business property checks. Some of the Police Reserves will be used to assist with the St. Patrick's Parade.

Trustee Rob Harper stated the Fire Department responded to 32 fire runs in February. He reported the forensic report, on the embezzlement, has been completed and Trustee Harper will get the Township Board a copy if desired. Supervisor Parrigin stated that was not necessary as far as he is concerned. He stated the Ladies Auxiliary will be providing hot chocolate and punch after the St. Patrick's parade. Trustee Harper presented a copy of the Fire Truck that is to be purchased this year but no figures have been firmed up or final decision made. He reported the 2015/16 North Berrien Fire & Rescue budget has been approved by the Fire Board and he presented it to the Township Board. After discussion Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to approve the 2015/16 North Berrien Fire & Rescue budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION APPROVED.

Trustee Bryan Duffield informed everyone the 2015/16 Cemetery Board budget has been approved by the Cemetery Board and he presented to the Township Board for approval. He stated there has not been an increase in the Cemetery budget for the last 7 or 8 years. After discussion Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the 2015/16 Cemetery budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated the 2015/16 meeting dates for the Township needed to be approved. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the 2015/16 meeting dates for the Township. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES

Supervisor Parrigin informed everyone there is a new state regulation that requires all municipalities to have a "Building Permit" library with all updates on the website for the Building Inspectors. This would cost approximately \$30,000.00. Berrien County has suggested all the municipalities share this cost and the County will provide a room for this library to be used by all Berrien County building inspectors and share the costs of approximately \$1,000.00 per municipality per year. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve Coloma Township joining the other municipalities in sharing this cost. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION APPROVED.

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated the Police Chief Randy Pompey presented a letter, which is in the packet of each Board member, proposing an extension of his current contract until June, 24, 2015 at midnight. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to extend Chief Pompey's current contract until June 24, 2025 at midnight. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin reported he and Trustee Bryan Duffield met with Prism Environmental Services to start working out the details to go forward on the Washington Elementary school project.

Clerk Sandy Kraemer reported there will be a Public Meeting on March 25, 2015, 7:00pm, at the Township, to discuss the completion of the Parks and Recreation Plan. The same night we will have a budget meeting immediately following the Public Meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mikki Swisher asked if it is too late to give input on the Washington Elementary school project and Supervisor Parrigin stated it is not too late. She and a few people will come to the next Township meeting with some ideas.

Carl Lambrecht is concerned about the way the North Berrien Fire & Rescue Board run their meetings. Supervisor Parrigin told him to take his concern and present it at the next Fire Board meeting he does not control their meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____