

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 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 and Matt Moser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bryan Duffield.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the February expenses totaling \$95,939.14. Treasurer Becht was absent last month so he also presented the approved January expenses totaling \$138,243.36. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to approve the consent agenda, February Board minutes and the January and February financial reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. 6 AYES. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Gierada, Executive Director/Curator of the North Berrien Historical Museum, introduced their new Director of Programs, Pauline Wendzel. Tracy stated they are very excited to have Pauline on board; she is a local lady born in the Southwest Michigan and has the credentials to go along with the position. Tracy gave everyone an update on the coming events at the Museum and invited everyone to stop in and visit.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported the North Berrien Community Development has been very busy and asked Chana Kniebes to give the report for NBCD. Chana stated the St. Patrick's Day run and lighted night parade, which is on Saturday, March 16th, is moving right along and invited everyone to come and enjoy.

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Chana also reported she has set up a legislative luncheon for April 19th and invitations will be going out shortly to municipal leaders. She has some speakers lined up and waiting to hear from others.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported there was a ZBA meeting with Berrien County Sherriff department and Coloma Township to determine the definition of a gun club.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed everyone due to repairs at the sewer plant plus a loan payment there will be a raise in rates this year. He gave a summary of the total flows from the four communities with Coloma Township coming in first. The new air compressor is installed and will be tested and started next week.

Police Chief Pompey presented his monthly report and highlighted some of the activities. He also informed everyone the Police department received a trophy for 100% participation in United Way.

Rob Harper reported on the North Berrien Fire Rescue stating they had 11 fire runs in February. 3 in Hagar; 2 in Coloma Township; 1 in Coloma City; 2 on Highways and 1 mutual aid run. In the report it stated the State Police should be moving out of the office, at Station 2, within the next month. There were some proposed adjustments to the Fire protection service agreement mostly for clarification and to reduce or eliminate disagreements.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated the Cemetery Board Budget for 2013/14 is completed and there is no increase for the coming year and hasn't been an increase for at least the last 7 years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk Kraemer announced the contribution to the Coloma Glad Peach Festival in years past had been \$2,000.00. This was tabled from last month's meeting to confirm the amount given. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Rob Harper, made a motion to contribute \$2,000.00 to the Coloma Glad Peach Festival. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer stated the next step for Ordinance #104, Rezoning of property in Land Section 8, is for the Board to adopted it. Clerk Kraemer, seconded by Trustee Moser, made a motion to adopt Ordinance #104. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin stated the Board needed to appoint a member to the Joint Coloma City & Coloma Township Water Advisory Board. Supervisor Parrigin asked Trustee Matt Moser if he would be willing to serve on this Board. Trustee Moser agreed to serve on this Board.

Clerk Kraemer asked the Board to approve the 2013/14 monthly Board meetings. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the 2013/14 monthly Board meetings. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Helbling commented the Township should recover the money from Coloma Rod & Gun that the Township paid for Attorney and Court costs.

Tony Bertuca commented the North Berrien Fire Rescue Board was thinking about adding one more member to their Fire Board but wanted to consult with their Attorney. He stated in Act 33 the Attorney does not make that decision. Also he commented about North Berrien Fire Rescue buying a boat for the divers but Board Chairman, Steve Groendyk, stated there is no intention at the time to purchase a boat.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to adjourn the meeting 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____

