

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 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 Police Chief Pompey

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the April expenses totaling \$356,669.98. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and April Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Becht, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. ALL AYES.
APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Kraemer presented information on the 2013 BBQ Blues and Cruise Festival to be held on June 15, 2013. In previous years the Township has contributed \$1,000.00. She made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, to contribute \$1,000.00 to the 2013 Festival. ROLL CALL VOTE. Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer received a letter from the American Legion Auxiliary asking to have their "Poppy Sales" on May 25, 26, & 27. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the American Legion Auxiliary to have their "Poppy Sales" on May 25, 26, & 27. VOICE VOTE. All AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported for North Berrien Community Development stating the Legislative luncheon went well with good attendance. Some of the speakers were Congressman Fred Upton, State Senator John Proos, House of Representatives Al Pscholka, and Berrien County Sherriff Paul Bailey. All gave information regarding the departments they represent.

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning information will come under New Business.

Treasurer Lance Becht reported the sewer department has a project to separate solids from waste. The money from investments is paying for the project.

Chief Police Pompey presented his April report. He highlighted some of the activities and asked if anyone had any questions. He stated progress is being made to update the building to be in compliance with LEIN.

Trustee Rob Harper stated in April the North Berrien Fire Rescue responded to 12 fire runs. 3 runs in Hagar Township, 3 runs in Coloma Township, 5 runs in Coloma City, 1 run on the Highways, and 1 mutual aid run. There are 5 recruits in the final phases of completing their State Firefighter I and II training. The electric sign has been installed at Station 2 which was through a grant that was received. Trustee Harper stated Fire Chief Bob Ruff would like to get approval to update some technology. He would like to purchase 3 iPads for the department. Total cost would be between \$2,500.00 and \$2,600.00.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported there was nothing for the Cemetery report but he would like to comment on the Little Paw Paw Lake restoration. He was recently at an informational meeting and was very impressed with the experts working together to make the restoration happen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer informed everyone she did send an email to the Michigan Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve letting them know the Coloma Township will support this cause but has had no response.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Coloma Charter Township Board they approve the request for a Special Land Use Permit order to erect a 15 square foot property identification sign for Great Bear Holdings, at 5540 Johnson Road, Coloma, Mi 49038. After discussion Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the Special Land Use Permit. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cecil Martin commented about the new drain on Johnson Road not doing the job of taking care of all the water after the downpour of rain a week or so ago. Trustee Jim Fulton stated the drain worked great but when you get 4" of rain in 4 hours the water has no place to go so that was the reason for the flooding.

Charles Pater remarked on the de-icers and getting an ordinance to control them like some of the other municipalities has done. Supervisor Parrigin stated he has looked into this matter but wants to look into it further.

Tony Bertuca asked if the Board knew anything about the Fire Chief getting a raise. Supervisor Parrigin state he had heard nothing about it. Mr. Bertuca also asked if a boat was submitted as part of the Fire Department's 2013 budget, in which, Supervisor Parrigin commented he does not remember a boat being part of their budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____