

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC MEETING & REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2014**

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, Trustees Jim Fulton, Matt Moser, Rob Harper. Absent Treasurer Lance Becht and Trustee Bryan Duffield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Matt Moser.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING FOR PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to open the Public Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Plan. Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to open the Public Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Plan. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Harper, yes, Fulton, yes. **5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. MOTION APPROVED.**

Supervisor Parrigin asked if anyone in the audience had any suggestions for the Parks and Recreation Plan. There were no answers so he introduced Rob Pierson, from Midwest Civil Engineers, who is assisting the Coloma City and Coloma Township on the Parks and Recreation Plan. Rob reviewed the expiring plan with the projects that were completed, ones still to do that the Board wants to stay on the plan, and the new one which has to do with the Township acquiring Washington School from the Coloma School System and making it into a Park. He explained there are grants out there which we could apply and hopefully get to assist with these projects. Rob stated sometime in December the City and Township will meet with him and finalize each of our lists.

CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING FOR PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to close the Public Meeting. Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to close the Parks and Recreation Plan Public Meeting. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. **5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CONSENT AGENDA

In the absence of Treasurer Lance Becht, Clerk Sandy Kraemer presented the consent agenda. Clerk Kraemer reported the finance committee met and approved the October expenses totaling \$255,346.83. Trustee Matt Moser stated the October Regular meeting minutes should be amended to correct the hiring of Michael Roberts from the October 8, 2014 regular meeting as he was hired at the Special Meeting on October 22, 2014. Moved by Trustee Rob Harper, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and the October minutes with the amendment on the October Regular meeting minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes. 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph Verlin, from Gabridge & Company Auditing Services, reviewed the annual audit report for Coloma Charter Township Board stating the Township received the best rating the audit company can give and answered questions.

Tracy Gierada, from the North Berrien Historical Society, gave an update on the events of the Museum and about upcoming holiday events. She handed out the current newsletters and invited all to come to the upcoming events.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer reported the Township usually gives a donation of \$300.00 for "Halloween in the Park" for the community Halloween festivities. Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to approve the donation. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to donate \$300.00 to "Halloween in the Park". ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, reported “Halloween in the Park” went very well with a great turn out. She announced the Annual Business Recognition Tribute will be held on December 2, 2014 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, in Watervliet from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. On December 4, 2014 Santa will be coming to Coloma, in Baker Park, for all the children to give him their Christmas lists.

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission is finalizing the update on their Master Plan and sending letters to other Municipalities.

Chief of Police, Randy Pompey, stated there were 230 complaints investigated in October, 27 arrests, 33 traffic citations, and 193 Business property checks. Chief Pompey thanked his staff for the space ship they built for “Halloween in the Park” and all the aliens that came out of the space ship. He also thanked his staff for taking their personal time to help people, who were unable to help themselves, rake and clean their property. Chief Pompey also announced Officer Trent DeGroff, who has worked for the Township for 13 years, is leaving to take a position with the Tribal Police and he is going to be missed. Bangor has hired a Police Chief so Chief Pompey will be finishing up his work with Bangor. The Police budget is at 58%.

Rob Harper stated the North Berrien Fire & Rescue responded to 17 fires in the month of October. Watervliet Fire Department sent their signed mutual aid agreement to North Berrien Fire & Rescue and it has stipulations that North Berrien Fire & Rescue no longer respond automatically to Bainbridge Township. The Fire Board has approved a 5 year contract with Chief Bob Ruff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Pierson, from Midwest Civil Engineers, stated there was a verbal agreement with Robert Howell, owner of the Center Street trailer park in Coloma Township, about a 20 foot easement between him and the Township which now has been put in writing so there will be no problem in the future. A new Surveyor’s Certificate will be issued by Rob, from Midwest Civil Engineers, and both parties will be given copies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____