

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
November 14, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee James Fulton, appointed interim supervisor, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Lance Becht, and Trustee Jeff Mitchell. Absent: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Trustee Cynthia Aviles, and Trustee Bryan Duffield

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved October expenses totaling \$280,378.92. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda October Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Kraemer, yes; Mitchell, yes. 4 AYES. 3 ABSENT. APPROVED

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tracy Gierada, new director/curator, from the North Berrien Historical Museum introduced herself to everyone. She had hand-outs for everyone of the upcoming events that will be taking place at the museum and invited everyone to come and participate. She also had newsletters from the museum of the winter events that will be taking place and encouraged everyone to attend.

Ken Nelson, from the Little Paw Paw Lake Association, informed the Board their Association would like to have a Special Assessment District for weed control on Little Paw Paw Lake. He stated the Association has turned in to the Clerk 81% of the property owner's signatures who is in agreement to form this SAD. Clerk Kraemer acknowledged she received the signatures and will verify them, with the Assessor, the last week in November.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Develop, informed everyone that “Halloween in the Park” was a success again this year and thanked the Board for the monetary contribution. She stated there were over 1700 hot dogs given out and they went through many cases of candy. The upcoming event will be “Santa in the Park” on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and encouraged everyone to attend and bring their little ones.

Treasurer Lance Becht, representative for the Sewer Board, presented his report. He informed the Board sewer plant flows have returned to more “normal” levels due to higher rainfall in October. Annual bio-solids report has been submitted to the MDEQ and a new sample pump has been ordered.

Chief Pompey presented the October Police report. He highlighted some of the monthly activities and asked if anyone had any questions. He also reported the Police budget through October is at 61% of budget.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell reported the Fire Board has hired Bob Ruff as the new Fire Chief of the North Berrien Fire and Rescue Department. There were 4 votes in favor of Bob Ruff and 1 in favor of Dave Woodward. A two year contract was signed with Mr. Ruff and he will start on November 26, 2012 as the new Chief. The Fire Board also approved a motion to accept the donation of a UTV, from Vanderzee of South Haven, on an approximately 90 day rotation. Trustee Mitchell reported on the terrible fire at the Pottawattamie resort. He stated the firemen used approximately 330,000 gallons of water on the fire and many other fire departments assisted.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hogue asked if we could set up a committee for the Little Paw Paw Lake Association for Weed Control. After discussion Trustee Fulton asked for a motion to set up a committee. Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, to set up a committee consisting of Trustee Duffield and Trustee Fulton, from the Township and Jim Hogue and Ken Nelson from the Little Paw Paw Lake Association

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marifrances Styers commented about a boat and older truck that was park in the front yard of a home across the street from her home. She has spoken with Ordinance Officer Rory Bell and was told there is no ordinance against parking anything in your front year. After discussion she was told to talk with Zoning Administrator Cheryl VanDrasek.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Clerk Sandy Kraemer, to adjourn the meeting 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_