

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 8, 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, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Jim Fulton, Matt Moser, Bryan Duffield, Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Matt Moser.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the September expenses totaling \$153,562.95. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and September 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**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Clerk Kraemer announced "Halloween in the Park" will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Be at the Fire Station by 3:00pm if you want to walk through downtown to Baker Park, where the festivities will be going on until 5:00pm.

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning is still working on their Master Plan.

Treasurer Lance Becht reported the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Plant received a "clean opinion" from Gerbel & Company on their annual audit. The Plant was in compliance for the month of August. The new sign has been installed and looks good.

Rob Harper stated the North Berrien Fire Rescue responded to 23 fires in the month of September. Watervliet Fire Department sent their mutual aid agreement to their Attorney for review. It has been approved and is waiting for the Watervliet Fire Board to sign. Chief Ruff is working on scheduling visits to the schools for this year's fire protection program. As of 10-1-2014 the North Berrien Fire Rescue was at 32.4% of their budget. The Fire Board has begun to review Chief Ruff's contract.

Police Chief Randy Pompey reported there were 224 complaints investigated in September, 22 arrests, 34 traffic citations, and 304 Business property checks. He stated the 3 year Police Union Contract has been settled with the full-time employees receiving 4% pay raise the first year; 2% pay raise the second year, and 2% pay raise the third year. The employees will be paying 20% of their Insurance. This is pending Township Board approval. Supervisor Parrigin asked the Board for any discussion, if not he asked for approval of the 3 year Police Union Contract. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to accept the 3 year Police Union Contract. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated Michael Roberts has been hired as a full-time employee of the Coloma Cemetery. Trustee Duffield asked if the Township would put Michael on the Township payroll so he could have full-time benefits with the Cemetery Board reimbursing all costs to the Township. After discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to employ Michael Roberts as a full-time Township employee. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to approve hiring Michael Roberts as a full-time Coloma Township employee with full-time benefits, with the Cemetery Board reimbursing the Township all costs, pending Coloma City approving this move. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin announced the Coloma Charter Township Parks & Recreation Plan needs to be updated this year and stated Trustee Bryan Duffield is on this committee and he needed one more Board member. Clerk Kraemer agreed to fill in when

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

Supervisor Parrigin was not available. The Township and City are working together with Midwest Civil Engineers in getting each of their plans updated.

Clerk Kraemer stated the need for approval of the November 4, 2014 General Election Inspectors. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made to motion to approve the list of election inspectors. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer informed the Board the need to set up a special public meeting date for Michigan Nurseries, LLC application for a 12 year Tax exemption. After discussion the Board agreed to October 22, 2014, at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Bertuca brought the Board copies of the report from Great Lakes Scientific, Inc. which examined the bottle, that contain the black sediment, he brought to the meeting last month. He stated they informed him this was 100% times worse than when Lake Michigan had their problem.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Lance Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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

