

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 10, 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. Absent Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Randy Pompey.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the August expenses totaling \$367,252.99. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and August Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser yes; Duffield, yes; Fulton, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. APPROVED.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bill Hanson, 7804 Lakewood South, came before the Township Board asking for assistance with a sewer issue he has on his property. He brought pictures and explained the problem and asked where to go for assistance. Supervisor Parrigin stated he will call the County Drain office and have someone meet him at the Hanson residence and try to get the problem resolved.

Michigan Nurseries, LLC, owned by Terrence Richardson, informed the Board he is adding a 9600 square foot addition to his business which will add new employees and go from seasonal workers to some permanent workers. Total costs of the project will be around \$2,970,000.00. He is asking for a 12 year tax exemption under PA 198. He is working with Cornerstone Alliance Business Development Manager, Thad Rieder. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, Made a motion to approve the 12 year tax exemption under PA 198. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION APPROVED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer received a letter from the Knights of Columbus requesting permission to hold their annual "Tootsie Roll" drive on October 10 – 12, 2014. Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion. Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the Knights of Columbus annual "Tootsie Roll" drive on October 10 – 12, 2014. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer announced a part-time bookkeeper has been hired to re-place Karin Miller, who wants to permanently retire.

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, announced the annual Community Golf outing will be held Friday, September 12, 2014. There was an afterhours held in Watervliet for the new Arclight Brewery on September 9, 2014 which was very well attended. The next afterhours is to be held on September 16, 2014 at Contessa Wine Cellars, located at 3235 Friday Road. She also announced the annual Legislative Luncheon to be held on Friday, October 24, 2014, at Coloma Township Hall. On Saturday, November 1, 2014, from 3 – 5, will be Halloween in the Park and keep in mind the annual business recognition/ community appreciation to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 with location to be determined.

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission is discussing ordinances and updating the Master Plan.

Chief Randy Pompey reported the Police Department investigated 271 complaints, 579 business property checks, 29 arrests, 3 OWI, and 29 misdemeanor arrests. Chief Pompey is acting interim Police Chief for the City of Bangor for 90 to 120 days until they find a new chief. He had planned to be on vacation the two middle weeks of September but has changed it to the end of September and first of October.

Rob Harper was absent from the Board meeting but turned in his North Berrien Fire Rescue report. The firemen responded to 12 fire runs in August. Snow Plow Bids were submitted by THOSE GUYS and FORKERS. It was recommended to go with FORKERS because the North Berrien Fire Rescue would be their only account and be

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priority. There were several issues found with the well pumps at Station 2. Chief Ruff is in the process of getting estimates for the repairs.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated now that Louis Carroll has retired from the Cemetery they have appointed the part-time employee, Michael Roberts as a full-time employee. They are discussing benefits but no decision has been made yet.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer asked for an approval of the accessor contract with the changes that were made. After discussion Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to accept the accessor contract retroactive to April 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, no; Duffield, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 5 AYES. 1 ABSENT. 1 NAY. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A 12 year tax exemption for Michigan Nurseries, LLC was approved under presentations.

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#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Howell stated the sewer easement had not been recorded on his property. Supervisor Parrigin stated he is taking care of this.

Tony Bertuca brought a container that he filled from Paw Paw Lake, which looked like algae (about 1 inch thick) but not sure what is was. Trustee Jim Fulton asked if he could take it to the Spicer Group for an analysis. Tony gave the container to Trustee Fulton.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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