

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2012

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 Cindy Aviles, Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bryan Duffield.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved August expenses totaling \$184,778.94. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, August Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer stated the Board had received a "Halloween in the Park" flier and the Township usually contributes \$300.00 to help with expenses. After discussion Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to do this again this year. Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to contribute \$300.00 for the "Halloween in the Park" expenses. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer reported the Township received a letter from the Knights of Columbus requesting permission to hold their annual "Tootsie Roll" sale in Coloma Township on October 5 – 7, 2012. Clerk Kraemer as for a motion to approve this request. Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to

approve the “Tootsie Roll” sale on October 5 – 7, 2012. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer read a letter from the Paw Paw Lake Foundation, Kenneth L. Teusch, Director, thanking the Township for supporting the Special Assessment District for the Paw Paw Lake restoration. He stated most lake users’ comments are “I have NEVER seen the lake look so good!”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, reported the Golf outing on August 24, 2012 went very well. They made about \$3,500.00. They had 50 Golfers and the weather was great. She gave each Board member a flier stating the “Halloween in the Park” is going to be held on October 27, 2012 starting at 3:00pm. The parade will start at the Fire Station and continue through downtown with refreshments at Baker Park. Trustee Cindy Aviles stated this is a great event and encouraged everyone to attend.

Treasurer Becht announced the loan was approved for the sewer project so they will continue to go forward on the updates.

Chief Pompey presented the August, 2012 Police report. He stated there were 7 larcenies, 4 CSC, and 3 breaking and entering. He also highlighted some of the other activities for the month and asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Mitchell reported the North Berrien Fire Rescue, for August, was at 45.1 percent of income and 26.5 percent of expense. He also informed everyone the Fire Board has narrowed the applicants down to three. Rory Bell, David Woodward, and Bob Ruff are the three final candidates. The interviews will start soon. He announced the Fire Department ladies auxiliary will hold their craft’s show on October 2, 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Johnson, Park Road, Coloma, has been working with the Township Zoning Administrator, Cheryl VanDrasek, and Ordinance Officer, Rory Bell, concerning a fence that has been constructed between her and her neighbor. It is not in compliance with the Township Zoning policy. Mr. Bell has told the neighbor the fence has to come down. He will discuss the issue with Ms. VanDrasek then they will inform the neighbor he has a deadline to get the fence removed.

Joe Martin, Becht Rd, Coloma, asked why the electronic sign does not show when the meetings are for the Township. Clerk Kraemer responded she thought they were on the sign and she would check into why they were not. He also stated he thought the Township should still consider having a contract with one garbage company.

Tony Bertuca commended the Police Department for the great job they are doing He also stated he would like the Fire Board to be more accountable to the municipalities to appoint the new Fire Chief.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Treasurer Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____