

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
August 10, 2016

**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 James Fulton, Bryan Duffield, Matt Moser, and Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Jason Roe

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the July expenses totaling \$307,636.57. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to approve the consent agenda and July 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES APPROVED.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Becky from North Berrien Historical Museum was scheduled to attend but did not show.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Kraemer stated the Township received a “thank you” note from the election inspectors thanking the Board for their pay raises.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, reminded everyone about the upcoming golf outing which is a fund raiser for NBCD to be held on September 23, 2016. She invited everyone to sponsor a hole or bring a foursome to play golf. Many prizes to be given away. She also stated she attended her first meeting for Halloween in the Park and this year the Coloma Lions Club will feature “pumpkin races”. Should be fun for everyone.

Supervisor Parrigin reported the Berrien County Road Commission is still “seal coating” roads in Coloma Township.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission is finalizing definitions on attached garage policy and accessory use buildings then should be ready to move forward.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed every one of the June summary for the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Plant. Coloma Township and Watervliet Township both had 34% usage and the total flow was down compared to other months. One clarifier has been installed and they received a cost estimate for two final clarifiers of \$632,625.00. They are making some modifications in-house to the contact chamber to add operating flexibility. The plant is in compliance.

Chief of Police Jason Roe reported there were 241 total complaints investigated in July. 5 were for obstructing justice, 7 for driving violations, and 15 were suspicious situations. He stated there were 19 arrests, 91 traffic stops, 95 traffic warnings, 20 citations issued, 127 property checks and 21 ordinance investigations in the township. The Chief commented Glad-Peach festival went smoothly with only a few minor incidents.

Trustee Rob Harper reported North Berrien Fire Rescue responded to 20 calls in July. All three municipalities approved purchasing a tanker fire truck not to exceed \$315,000.00. The parking lot at station #1 has completed with a few issues that will be corrected. Trustee Harper asked the Board for permission to pay-off fire truck loan in the amount of approximately \$88,000.00 since they had the money and would save interest cost of approximately \$5,000.00. After discussion Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the fire department paying off the fire truck loan. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Bryan Duffield report the Cemetery board is investigating getting the cemetery lots set up on computer. They have been working with another municipality to research the process.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer reported last month Trustee Matt Moser presented a recommendation for the Coloma Charter Township Board members pay raises. She asked if the Board wanted to pursue this or wait until a later date. Treasurer Lance Becht stated he felt the Board salaries should be raised. Treasurer Lance Becht made a motion to increase the Supervisor annual pay to \$19,829.00, no support motion failed. After a lengthy discussion Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion, in pursuit of Resolution 2016/17 #10, to approve the Supervisor salary at \$22,020.00.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS CON'T

ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion, in pursuit of Resolution 2016/17 #11, to approve the Treasurer salary at \$16,800.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, made a motion, in pursuit of Resolution 2016/17 #12, to approve the Clerk salary at \$16,800.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion, in pursuit of Resolution 2016/17 #13, to approve the Trustees salary at \$4,800.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

These approved salaries will begin with the new term starting November 20, 2016, 12:00pm Eastern Standard Time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Jason Roe presented an old Army vest made of ceramic, weighing about 60 pounds which was used many years ago and the Police are using them today when they are called to high risks situations. They are only good for one time because if the officer is hit in chest they shatter. He showed everyone a new type of vest which weighed much less, was much more effective, and protective to the officer. He asked the Board if they would consider purchasing these vests for the Police Department. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the new vests for the Police Department with a cost limit of \$5,000.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated Resolution 4A for the Special Assessment District for Paw Paw Lake, needed to be approved. Trustee Jim Fulton informed the Board in paragraph #7 of the Resolution there was an error. After discussion Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve Resolution 4A with the corrected wording. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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