

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 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 Jim Fulton, Rob Harper, Bryan Duffield, and Matt Moser.

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 the December expenses totaling \$356,612.52. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and December regular meeting Board minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes, Fulton, yes; Becht, yes.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, informed everyone the St. Patrick's Day committee will have their first meeting on January 19, 2016, at the NBCD office, at 8:00am. The St. Patrick's Day night parade will be held on March 12, 2016 this year.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported the planning commission is still working on the ordinance for attached garages.

Treasurer Lance Becht stated there is a loan resolution to be approved under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Chief of Police Jason Roe reported there were 213 total complaints investigated in December. 10 were for obstructing justice, 8 for driving violations, and 4 were larceny. He stated there were 31 arrests, 37 traffic stops, 80 traffic warnings, 8 citations issued, 138 property checks and 36 assists to other agencies. He then asked for questions.

Trustee Rob Harper reported the firemen responded to a total of 23 fire runs in December. Fire Chief Ruff has been terminated according to his contract without cause as per section 3.4. A roll call vote was taken with all Fire Board members voting yes. The election of officers was tabled until the February meeting. Trustee Harper stated he would like to set up a meeting with the three municipal leaders as soon as possible to discuss a plan to go forward.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated the Cemetery Board would start working on their budget next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Bryan Duffield gave an update on the Keven King property, on Grace Avenue. Mr. King, at our last Board meeting, requested that snow plowing be done by Berrien County Road Commission. Trustee Duffield and Supervisor Parrigin met at the Grace Avenue address then set up a meeting with Brian Berndt, Engineer from the Berrien County Road Commission. Mr. Berndt stated in order for the Road Commission to maintain Grace Avenue there would be several items that needed to be addressed. Trustee Duffield will pass this information on to Mr. King.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated, in the Board packets there was a request from the Township Sanitation Department Supervisor, Rory Bell, to purchase a new 2016 Ford F-250 Truck, to replace the 2002 truck with 115,000 miles on it. After discussion, Trustee Bryan Duffield, supported by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to purchase the 2016 Ford, F-250 truck from Gorno Ford, at a price of \$33,767.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

Clerk Kraemer received a letter from Prism, to pay Southwest Transport their third pay request of \$49,481.03 for the demolition of Washington School. After discussion, Trustee Jim Fulton, supported by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to pay Southwest Transport, the third pay request of \$49,481.03. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer informed the Board she received a billing from Prism, invoice #2, for their professional services from November 4, 2015 through December 18, 2015, totaling \$2,200.00. After discussion, Trustee Matt Moser, supported by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to pay Prism, invoice #2, for their professional services from November 4, 2015 through December 18, 2015 totaling \$2,200.00. ROLL CALL VOTE. Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked Treasurer Lance Becht to inform every one of the Sewer Board Resolution to refinance their loan. Treasurer Becht stated the Sewer Board has to make improvements at the Sewer Plant which will be costly. The Sewer Board has the current loan paid down to approximately \$540,000.00, so they would increase the loan back to the original amount of \$760,000.00, at the same interest rate of 2.99%. with approximately the same payment amounts. After discussion, Trustee Jim Fulton, supported by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the resolution of the Paw Paw Lake Regional Joint Sewage Disposal to refinance their loan back to the original amount of \$760,000.00. ROLL CALL VOTE. Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Berrien County Commissioner Bill Smith informed everyone of a brochure he read called "Chose to Live" pertaining to teenagers and driving. He suggested all teenagers should read this brochure and gave a copy to our Police Chief. He stated there will be a meeting at Love Creek, on January 20, 2016, at 5:30pm, regarding cleaning up the Paw Paw river. He said the Animal Shelter is coming along very nicely and should open in the Spring. Supervisor Parrigin thank him for this information.

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Clerk Kraemer stated she received a letter from the State of Michigan indicating our grant for the Washington School Park was not accepted. She will set up a meeting with the Grant Coordinator and see what we can do differently and submit it again.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____