

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Jim Fulton, Trustees Jerry Willmeng, Rob Harper, Matt Moser and Bryan Duffield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Sandra Kraemer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer James Fulton presented the consent agenda. Due to technical difficulties he was not able to give a report on the monthly expenses so those will be presented next month. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes.

There will special meeting on March 28, 2018 at 7:00pm to approve the 2018/19 budget. Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the special budget meeting on March 28, 2018. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Young, from the North Berrien Historical Museum, stated the millage for the Museum is up this year and requested the Township Board approve the millage renewal for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election ballot. The renewal would cover the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (4 years). After discussion, Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, made a motion to approve the millage renewal for the North Berrien Historical Museum. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Administrator, Cheryl VanDrasek Benjamin, will prepare resolution for updated water service charges.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, invited everyone to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Evening Lighted Parade on March 17, 2018 starting at 8:30 pm. There will be a 5k run/walk in the morning, a book sale at the Coloma Public Library from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A Children's Story hour and crafts at 1:00pm. Then a scavenger hunt at North Berrien Historical Museum 2:30pm to 4:30pm, an Irish Stew Dinner at Coloma United Methodist Church from 5:00pm to 6:30pm then the Lighted Parade starting at 8:30pm by the Fire Station. After the parade you are invited back to the Fire Station where the winners of the parade will be announced.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin informed everyone he and Trustee Bryan Duffield met with the Berrien County Road Commission and reviewed the 2018 roadwork for Coloma Charter Township. Trustee Bryan Duffield had copies for the Board indicating which roads would be repaired for 2018. Also, all the 25mph speed limit signs has been removed due to changes in state law.

Trustee Matt Moser reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant has kept up with all the flooding in the area. Coloma Township is still at 35% of the total flow. The Sewer approved \$4,300.00 which would cover cost of repair or replacement to the recirculation Pump motor.

Police Chief Jason Roe reported there were 213 total complaints investigated in February. 12 obstructing justice, 5 for Larceny, and 13 were suspicious situations. He stated there were 40 arrests, 181 traffic stops, 42 citations issued, 169 traffic warnings, 129 property checks. He then answered any questions.

Rob Harper reported there were 15 fire calls in February. Dale Stover is assisting in writing a grant which totals \$145,000.00. The auxiliary will hold a spaghetti benefit dinner on March 24, 2018 at Station #2. Their first Trivia Night Fund Raiser went well. They had four teams that participated and the winners donated their winnings back to the department. Approximately \$2,000.00. Trustee Rob Harper presented their approved 2018/2019 budget.

Trustee Bryan Duffield presented the approved 2018/2019 Cemetery budget and stated it has been about 11 years since they have had an increase in their budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated last month the Board wanted to review a copy of the 3-year Police agreement so she enclosed a copy in each of their Board packets. She ask for approval of the 3-year Police agreement. After discussion Trustee Rob Harper, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the 3-year Police agreement from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020, with pay retroactive to October 1, 2017. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer informed everyone the State Tax Commission is now enforcing the Township to have written regulations for the exemption of Principal Residence by Reason of Poverty. The Township Assessor, Kevin Kutscher, made copies of the guidelines to give to each Board member and ask for Board Approval. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, made a motion to adopt the sample resolution from the State Tax commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Vollrath, our Berrien County Commissioner, informed everyone the damage of flooding in our County is at 8.3 million. Under the State of Emergency, the Commissioners hope to get help for faster for all the victims. He reported the 25mph speed limit signs have been removed and if 80% of the people are going a certain speed it is OK.

Tony Bertuca asked what the Board's position is on the clean-up on the Paw Paw River in the Coloma Watervliet area. Trustee Jerry Willmeng stated lots of help is still needed to continue the clean-up.

There was a group from the Coloma Softball Baseball Youth Association concerned about the Dog Park being considered for the Washington School Park. In their area of the Park they do not allow dogs and want to know how this will affect them. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation committee, informed all of

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them he will set up a meeting with the Dog Park people and Youth Association to try to get this resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____