

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Trustees James Fulton and Matt Moser. Absent Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Bryan Duffield, and Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Sandy Kraemer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee James Fulton presented the consent agenda, in the absence of Treasurer Lance Becht. Trustee Fulton reported the finance committee met and approved the October expenses totaling \$272,158.76. Moved by Trustee James Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, to approve the consent agenda and October 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Fulton, yes. 4 AYES. 3 ABSENT. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Kraemer announced the Township Board members elected from the General Election on November 8, 2016 are as follows: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin; Clerk Sandy Kraemer; Treasurer James Fulton; Trustees Bryan Duffield, Matt Moser, Rob Harper, and Jerry Willmeng. Clerk Kraemer—administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin; Treasurer James Fulton; Trustees Matt Moser and Jerry Willmeng. Trustees Bryan Duffield and Rob Harper will be administered the Oath of Office at a later date.

~~Peter Woldman, from Gabridge & Company, our auditing firm presented the results from our 2015/16 audit. He stated Coloma Township received a “clean audit” which is the highest rating they can give on an audit. He went over details then answered questions.~~

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, ~~reminded~~informed everyone ~~that “Halloween in the Park” will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Line up for costumed children at the Fire Station at 2:45pm with children walking through downtown starting at 3:00pm and the event will end at 5:00pm. This year the Coloma Lions Club will feature “pumpkin races”. The Coloma Lions will be hosting a “Pumpkin Race” and should be fun for the children. They will be serving hot dogs, chips, and dessert free to everyone. Halloween in the Park had a record attendance. The Lions Club pumpkin race was very successful with 22 entries. She extended an invitation to the~~ Board to attend the Annual

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Community Appreciation Tribute and Business Recognition to be held on December 8th at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Watervliet, from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

Supervisor Parrigin reported the roads in Coloma Township are completed for 2016 and will meet with the Berrien County Road Commission in January or February 2017 to discuss the plans for 2017.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported changes to the Zoning Ordinances will be discussed under New Business.

Chief of Police Jason Roe reported there were 184 total complaints investigated in October. 7 were for obstructing justice, 6 for driving violations, and 14 were suspicious situations. He stated there were 20 arrests, 62 traffic stops, 29 traffic warnings, 25 citations issued, 132 property checks and 32 ordinance investigations. Chief Roe answered all questions from the Board and audience.

Supervisor Parrigin informed everyone the search for a Fire Chief is underway and Bob Howell has been appointed to represent Coloma Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer reported she and Police Chief Roe had discussed bullet proof glass for the service windows in the lobby and wanted to know the Board’s opinion. After discussion, it was decided that we get an estimate to do it and bring it to the Board at the December meeting.

LED lighting has been discussed to replace florescence lighting that is in place now. LED would be more efficient and save on the electric bill. After discussion, it was decided to replace the florescence lighting with LED lighting in the office areas and the police department then going forward finish the Township building with LED lighting.

Clerk Kraemer stated in the Board packet was a letter requesting a street light at the corner of Blum and Spencer streets. They stated is was an unsafe dark corner and dangerous. After discussion Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Matt Moser, made a motion to place a street light at the corner of Blum and Spencer streets.

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NEW BUSINESS CON'T

ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 4 AYES 3 ABSENT. MOTION APPROVED.

Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated this would be the first reading of changes to the Zoning ordinances. Trustee Jim Fulton informed everyone the planning commission has been researching these changes for several months and now they are finalized. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to approve the changes to the Zoning ordinances. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes. 4 AYES 3 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Also, Trustee Fulton informed the Board the planning commission needed to appoint a new member to replace Jerry Willmeng who has become a Trustee on the Township Board. After discussion Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Clerk Sandy Kraemer, made a motion to approve John Lamoreaux to the planning commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: Moser, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 4 AYES. 3 ABSENT. MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Howell thanked the Board for approval of the new sidewalk being installed on East Center Street. He stated many people are enjoying it.

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 _____

