

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 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, and Matt Moser. Absent Trustees Bryan Duffield and Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Matt Moser.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved the August expenses totaling \$313,426.08. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and August 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Fulton, yes. 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two representatives from Lake Michigan College presented an update on the College and explained the need for a \$40 M proposed millage. After their presentation they answered questions and left information for township residents.

Attorney Scott Dienes informed every one of the Court decision ruling Coloma Township vs. Berrien County Gun Range. He stated the County can no longer use the facility for a shooting range.

Berrien Commissioner Bill Smith reported the tragedy at the Court house has caused the County to take a look at their security system and make some changes. He also informed everyone the clean up on the Paw Paw River has seen some improvements and things are moving forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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 also stated she attended a meeting for “Halloween in the Park” which 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”. Please come and enjoy.

Supervisor Parrigin reported the roads are still in the process of being finished for this year

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Planning Commission definition on accessory use buildings shall be considered as attached to a principal building when the distance between the two buildings is less than 20 feet and the area connecting the principal building to the accessory building shares a common roof structure that blends with the design of the principal building and is constructed with the same or equivalent roofing materials as the accessor building or the principal. This connection may be in the form of a covered breezeway, covered porch, or a common wall.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed every one of the August summary for the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Plant. Watervliet Township had 33% usage with Coloma Township coming in second with 32% usage and the total flow was 34,155,928 gallons. DEQ made its annual review of lab sampling procedures. Filming of the interceptor has begun. The plant is in compliance.

Chief of Police Jason Roe reported there were 260 total complaints investigated in August. 8 were for obstructing justice, 8 for driving violations, and 19 were suspicious situations. He stated there were 24 arrests, 209 traffic stops, 146 traffic warnings, 33 citations issued, 274 property checks and 23 ordinance investigations in the township. He also thanked the Township Board for purchasing the updated police vests with the cost being less than the Board approved.

Trustee Rob Harper was absent from the Township Board meeting but sent his report. North Berrien Fire Rescue responded to 23 calls in August. They voted to appoint Commissioner Linda Freitag as secretary until further notice. The Auxiliary ladies will hold a “Quarter Auction” on October 2, 1026, at station 1 as a fund raiser.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance Supervisor Rory Bell reported two lift stations are in need of emergency repair or replacement. On 8-1-16 while pulling the #3 pump in lift station #1 the yolk and screw valve failed causing lift station #1 to flood. They were able to stop the flooding by placing the pump back into position and bolting it down. On 9-8-16 the same thing happen to #1 pump in lift station #9. After investigating the cost of repairs which is to repair the facility would be \$50,000.00 and to replace the facility would be \$85,000.00. He is recommending and asking the Board to replace the 50 year old facilities which will allow the Township to become more compliant with MIOSHA standards for the future. It will also eliminate the need for man power for compliance and would carry the Township needs well into the future. After discussion Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to replace these two lift stations and update them at proposed costs. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. 6 AYES. 2 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin asked the Board to approve the share of the cost to interview for a new Fire Chief. Total cost is not to exceed \$10,000.00 which will be shared between Hagar Township, Coloma City, and Coloma Township. Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion to share cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 to interview for a new Fire Chief, with Hagar Township and Coloma City. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Moser, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. 6 AYES. 2 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Matt Moser informed everyone the Water Services Advisory Board met and discussed water rates. Township is interested in researching the methodology to review rates. Marsha Hammond stated she contacted Mark Beauchamp, from Utility Financial Solutions, after the last meeting on April 23, 2015 but he did not respond. The representatives from Coloma Township, Trustee Jim Fulton, Trustee Matt Moser, and alternate Supervisor Ken Parrigin would like to pursue this matter. After discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked the Board to approve a committee of these representatives to go forward and review the methodology rates. Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, made a motion for the representatives of the Coloma Township committee to go forward and review the methodology rates. VOICE VOTE: 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Matt Moser, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____