

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2020

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, Bob Howell, Bryan Duffield and Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2020 Miss Coloma and Court.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer James Fulton presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Fulton reported the finance committee met and approved the January, 2020 expenses totaling \$207,914.63. Moved by Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Rob Harper, to approve the consent agenda and January, 2020 meeting minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Harper, yes. 7 AYES. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Coloma & Court along with Mr. Coloma & Court were are the Township meeting to introduce themselves and also other Royalties.

Terry and Mark Coleman, owners of H2O Grow Supply, which involves chemical or organic marijuana. They would like the Township to opt back in to approve medical marijuana. After their presentation and a lengthy discussion Supervisor Parrigin informed everyone we would give our Attorney a call and find out what he would advise the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer informed everyone the final draft of the updated employee handbook is at the Attorney office waiting for approval of legality terms. Trustee Bryan Duffield has worked many hours getting this together. He highlighted some of the updates for everyone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Chana Kniebes, from the Chamber/North Berrien Community Development, informed everyone the St. Patrick's night parade will be on March 14, 2020, and applications to enter are out. The Spring newsletter with Chamber information is out and if anyone would like a copy to please give her a call.

Trustee Jerry Willmeng reported the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Treatment Plant had a raw sewage pump that was installed and operating. They are getting prices on a new controller for A-building due to their age and the new ones have more capabilities.

Trustee Rob Harper gave a short presentation stating there were 20 calls for the month of January for North Berrien Fire Rescue. Copies of his report were not available but Clerk Kraemer will email them to everyone on the board. They have starting working on their new budget. He read a letter from the Schinck family thanking the fire department for their assistance the day their mother passed away.

Chief Wes Smigielski, reported on the January monthly report there were 178 complaints were investigated for the month of January, 2020. 7 Obstructing Justice, 1 Larceny, 14 Suspicious Situations. He stated there were 29 Arrests, 54 Traffic Stops, 11 Citations Issued, 41 Traffic Warnings, and 147 Property checks in the Township. Chief Smigielski answered all questions.

Trustee Bob Howell informed everyone the Water Advisory Committee met earlier in the day and he would like the Township Board to approve a Resolution to pursue a new wholesale water service agreement with the City of Coloma, subject to negotiation, review and approval of the wholesale water services agreement by the Township Board. After discussion, Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bob Howell, made a motion to approve the Resolution to pursue a new wholesale water service agreement with the City of Coloma, subject to negotiation, review and approval of the wholesale water services agreement by the Township Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. 7 AYES. APPROVED.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated the Cemetery Board has approved their new budget and for the last 11 years or so, has not had an increase in their budget. He will present it at the March meeting.

Tony Bertuca informed everyone the Parks and Recreation committee met with the Friends of the Paw Paw River about placing markers about every quarter mile along the river to help people, using the river, know where they are located in case of emergencies. The baseball/softball committee has invested about \$35,000.00 into the ball park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

He stated if the municipalities went together to purchase the signs it would cost approximately \$750.00 for each municipality. After discussion Trustee Rob Harper, seconded by Treasurer Jim Fulton, made a motion for Coloma Township to approve to pay their share of the markers for the river. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer informed the Board she would like to change the March 11th Board meeting to the following week, which will be March 18th due to the March election. Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, made a motion to change the March 11th Board meeting to the following week, March 18th due to the March election. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes. 7 AYES. APPROVED.

Clerk Kraemer asked the Board if the Property Taxes were going to be extended to February 28, 2020 as we have done in the past. Treasurer Jim Fulton stated the Property Taxes will be extended to February 28, 2020. Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to extend the Property Taxes to February 28, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes.

Clerk Kraemer stated in the Board packets was a list of election workers, for the March election, that needed approval. Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the list of election workers for the March election. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes. 7 AYES. APPROVED.

Clerk Kraemer received a Resolution, from Wightman & Associates to increase Coloma Township sewer rates from \$80.05 to \$98.00 per quarter starting April 1, 2020. The Board needs to approve this Resolution. After discussion Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve raising the Coloma Township sewer rates from \$80.05 to \$98.00 per quarter starting April 1, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes. 7 AYES APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Berrien County Commissioner Dave Vollrath stated the County is looking to replace some important positions. Bill Wolf, County Administrator, will be retiring in June of this year, Chief Defense Attorney is leaving, and manager of 911 is retiring.

Bill Smith stated the City of Coloma and the American Legion will be honoring Vietnam veterans and other veterans on May 9, 2020 with a parade in downtown Coloma. They would like to get the word out and have a great turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Bob Howell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____