

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2019

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. Absent Trustee Rob Harper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bryan Duffield

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer James Fulton presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Fulton reported the finance committee met and approved the April, 2019 expenses totaling \$ 293,741.59. Moved by Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, to approve the consent agenda and April 10, 2019 meeting minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes. Absent Harper 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Berrien County Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin, with specialist Susan, and Alan Boyer from LSG Engineers & Surveyors did their presentation on the Howe, Ryno, & Worden Drain which includes the Townships of Bainbridge and Watervliet, also the City of Coloma with total cost of \$125,271.00. They explained why this drain is an issue and the result of how to solve it. After discussion Trustee Bob Howell, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the Howe, Ryno, & Worden Drain Resolution # 2019/20 #8. ROLL CALL VOTE: Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ABSENT Trustee Rob Harper. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Coloma Police Chief Wes Smigielski, Coloma School Superintendent Dave Ehlers, and School President Heidi Ishmael, did a slide presentation on the benefit of having a School Liaison Police Officer in our schools. Afterwards they answered all questions. After discussion Supervisor informed the Township Board there is a contract between Coloma Schools and Coloma Police Department to approve. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Treasurer Jim Fulton, made a motion to approve this contract. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes. Absent Trustee Rob Harper. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Bill Mears, CEO of Pride Care (ambulance service), came to the Township meeting to go over their response times and asked if anyone had questions or issues. He stated they have closed their Coloma building and someone from their company would come to our meetings periodically to make reports.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer report the Township received a letter from the Coloma American Auxiliary Post 362 requesting approval to distribute Poppies on May 23, 24, & 25. After discussion Trustee Bob Howell, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the Coloma American Auxiliary Post 362 to distribute Poppies on May 23, 24, & 25. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes. Trustee Rob Harper absent. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, reported there are several Grand Openings coming up. One will be the Blackbird Waterhouse Restaurant on May 10, 2019 from 3 to 5 pm. Two ribbon cuttings on Thursday, May 16, 2019, from 5 to 7pm at “Downtown Digits” and “If the shoe fits” next door. On June 14, 2019 will be the annual Legislative luncheon, at the Township, from 11am to 1pm.

Treasurer Jim Fulton reported we will discuss the revision of Coloma Township Zoning Ordinance Section 6.06. Non-Conforming Use. Under new business.

Trustee Jerry Willmeng stated the Sewer Board is still working with the County on a Bond to update the Sewer system. They are also researching on the benefits to become Corporation.

Chief Wes Smigielski, reported there were 231 complaints were investigated for the month of April, 2019. 15 Obstructing Justice, 10 Larcenies, 18 Suspicious Situations. He stated there were 41 Arrests, 78 Traffic Stops, 12 Citations Issued, 77 Traffic Warnings, and 90 Property checks in the Township. Chief Smigielski answered all questions.

Fire Chief Mike Mattix reported for the North Fire & Rescue this month in the absence of Trustee Rob Harper. He stated there were 22 fire calls in the month of April. There was a benefit for Kent Churchill (former NBFR member) on Sunday, May 5, 2019. He

suffered a stroke and the benefit will help him with expenses. To date they have raised #3,830.00 for Kent and some donations are still coming into the fund. Truck #4123 has had the tires replaced and now Tanker #4130 will have the tires replaced.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tony Bertuca, from the Parks Recreation committee, reported they saved \$5,000.00 on the fencing project at Washington Park and would like to transfer that money to update the track there. After discussion Trustee Jerry Willmeng, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve using the \$5,000.00, saved on the fencing project, to update the track. ROLL CALL VOTE: Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes. Trustee Rob Harper absent. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated we have received a Resolution from Berrien County Non-Motorized Vehicles asking Coloma Township to support this resolution. This resolution does not commit us to any financial obligation, just support. After discussion Trustee Jerry Willmeng, seconded by Clerk Sandy Kraemer, made a motion to support the Berrien County Non-Motorized Vehicles. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Willmeng, yes. Absent Trustee Rob Harper. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Vollrath, Berrien County Commissioner, reported the County Commissioners cancelled their meeting due to the death of one of the Commissioner's husband. They will start their Strategic Planning soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved