

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Debra Olsen, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Edward Helbling, Brian Duffield and Robert Molter. Absent Trustee Cynthia Aviles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Parrigin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$214,724.59. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ONE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Olsen announced dump permits will start being issued April 23 for use from April 28 through May 7. The township is going to issue these permits once a year in the Spring.

Rick Martin and Dale Neville spoke regarding building repairs to the roof. The township hall is losing an enormous amount of heat through the roof due to poor design. This causes ice jams in the winter months which in turn are causing roof leaks and damage. There will be future discussion regarding what action should be taken.

Dan Batz from the Orchard Hill land fill spoke. He stated a representative from the land fill will be attending future meetings periodically to address citizen concerns regarding the land fill.

Commissioner Bob Wooley reported Berrien County is waiting to hear what Lansing will be doing about the budget deficit.

Chris Siebenmark, District Representative, spoke regarding what is happening in Lansing. He stated they are not close to a resolution regarding the budget issues but many plans are being discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Duffield announced the planning commission met and heard from Joe Herman regarding unique land values and from Bob Becker regarding lake seminars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer Granger announced the water tower property purchase has closed and they are moving forward with the water tower. We will be asking for bids for water main connections and for well abandonment's. Mr. Granger stated he has almost completed obtaining easements for water main on Paw Paw Lake Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Olsen discussed hiring a Township Manager. The position would be a renaming of the current Office Manager position. Karen Miller, the current Office Manager, has submitted her intent to retire this summer. Clerk Olsen feels the township would be well served by hiring someone who attends township meetings, is familiar with water, sewer and road issues and could address the public's questions regarding these and other township issues. Clerk Olsen also stated the township needs someone who handles personnel issues such as creating and maintaining an employee handbook, being a part of contract negotiations and handling employee concerns. Clerk Olsen also stated she would like to use an executive search firm for the hiring of this position. The board expressed agreement.

Clerk Olsen announced the appointment of the May 8 School Election workers. They will be Judy Clark, Chairperson, Nancy Dings, Lerita Fellows, Beth Kraiger, Linda Piehl, Carol Reeves and Dorothy Thurlow.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Moved by Trustee Helbling, Seconded by Trustee Molter the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved: