

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Kraemer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees; Cynthia Aviles, Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell. Absent: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin. Clerk Kraemer ask for approval to appoint Trustee Cynthia Aviles as Supervisor Pro-Tem for the meeting. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. APPROVED.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Aviles.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved March expenses totaling \$297,854.91. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassie Sikes, from Coloma Emergency Medical Services, announced the merging of CEMS and Pride Care of Portage, Michigan. Pride Care is approximately the same size as CEMS therefore they will be able to operate more efficiently with the merger. This will bring the number of total employees to 215. Nothing will change for the North Berrien County area. She gave an update on the ambulance services and announced a municipality meeting on May 27, 2010 and invited everyone to attend.

Chief Pompey introduced Al Dibrito, special agent from the FBI/ Berrien Violent Crime Task Force. Chief Pompey stated our officer Jason Roe, works part-time with the Berrien Violent Crime Task Force. An investigation was solved in the Coloma area and there was currency involved. As a result, special agent Al Dibrito presented, to Chief Pompey, a \$5000.00 check payable to the Coloma Police Department. He thanked Chief Pompey for the assistance that was given to resolve the crime.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported for Personnel Committee stating Karin Miller has announced she will retire as of May 31, 2010. One full-time employee has been moved to part-time and other adjustments have been made to help balance the budget for the 2010/11 year.

Trustee Aviles asked Chana from the North Berrien Community Develop to report for this committee. Chana reminded everyone of the “Community Sock Hop” which will be held on April 16, 2010, at the Alwood gymnasium located at the Coloma Middle school. This is sponsored by the Coloma-Watervliet Chamber as a fund raiser.

Trustee Fulton reported the Planning Commission will be holding a public meeting soon regarding revisions to the zoning ordinance for signs.

Treasurer Becht reported the joint Sewer Board reviewed cost estimates for updates and expansion of the Sewer plant. After discussion the Board decided to apply for a USDA loan for approximately 2.7 to 2.8 mil.

Chief Pompey presented his Police report. He also announced a “Public Safety Picnic” will be held on May 8, 2010, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, at the Coloma High School parking lot. The fire department, police department, and other organizations will be there. He stated they will also serve hot dogs and soft drinks and invited everyone to attend.

He also announced the Village of Paw Paw has lost their Police Chief and he has been asked to work as interim Chief, part-time, 20 hours per week for 60 days or until they

locate a new chief. The Village of Paw Paw will reimburse the Coloma Police department for the 60 day interim.

Chief Pompey informed the board there is a company that will pick up and dispose of older computers that are no longer in use, at no charge. He asked the board of approval to dispense of the police department's computers. Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Duffield, for the police department to dispense of their older computers. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Mitchell reported the Fire Board had to take \$15,000.00 from their general fund to balance their budget. He invited the Board to attend a presentation which will be made by Fire Chief Spiegel, on April 22, 2010 at the Coloma Fire station starting at 7:00pm.

Trustee Duffield reported the Cemetery Board's 2010/11 Budget has been approved. He also stated this is the fifth year with no increase in the budget. Trustee Duffield reminded everyone a .50 mill for leaf pick-up and all other related types of cleanup will be placed on the August ballot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger reported the valves and control panels are installed on the water tower and arrangements are being made to complete the final 10 connections of property owners. He presented pay estimate #26, in the amount \$19,236.90, payable to Balkema Excavating, Inc for work completed in February and March, 2010. Trustee Aviles made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Becht, to pay estimate #26, in the amount of \$19,236.90, payable to Balkema Excavating, Inc. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to approve the May 4, 2010, elections workers as follows: Judy Clark, Chairperson, Sherry Polashak, Janet Winnell, Irene Stankiewicz, and Linda Piehl. Trustee Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Trustee Becht. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident John O'Hare has a concern regarding the landscaping on his property since the water and sewer improvement. Engineer Granger stated he and Supervisor Parrigin would take a look at it.

Resident Charles Pater presented a letter to the board with signatures of property owners, around the lake, concerning dock deicers. He stated he thought there should be an ordinance in place to prohibit them, or at least an ordinance to control them, so they do not interfere with activities on Paw Paw Lake in the winter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Cynthia Aviles, Supervisor Pro-Tem

Date Approved _____