

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Cynthia Aviles, Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell. Absent: None

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 July expenses totaling \$215,961.93. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taylor Abbott, chairperson of the Miss Coloma contest, informed the Board and audience her committee is trying to bring the Miss Coloma contest back to the community and asked if they could use the Township hall to hold the Miss Coloma Tea this year. They would like to hold the Miss Coloma Tea on September 12th from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Supervisor Parrigin asked the Board for comments or approval for this function. Clerk Kraemer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Duffield, to let the Miss Coloma committee hold their Tea on September 12th providing that date is available. VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. No nays. MOTION CARRIED. Clerk Kraemer will check on the date for the Tea.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, reminded everyone of the upcoming golf outing on September 17, 2010. Trustee Aviles encouraged all to participate informing everyone it is a lot of fun. Lots of nice prizes.

Chief Pompey presented the July Police Report and reviewed some of the activities. He stated our Police department did have a temporary station set up in downtown Coloma during the Glad-Peach Festival and he felt all went well. He thanked Heaven Scent Carpet Cleaners for their assistance and Jim Frazier, owner of the building where the sub-station was located. He also informed everyone the police department is doing well on their budget.

Trustee Fulton reported the Coloma Road & Gun Club and the Township are still working on getting paperwork in order for their special permit use. The Coloma Road & Gun Club will meet with the zoning administrator before our September Board meeting.

Treasurer Becht reported the Sewer Board purchased a new tractor for approximately \$18,000.00. There were three bids on the "Head Waters Project." The Sewer Board will decide at the meeting tomorrow night which bid will be accepted. He estimated the bids to be in the upper \$400,000.00 range.

Trustee Mitchell reported the Fire Board voted to initiate a Capitalization Policy and also a Code of Ethics Policy. Trustee Mitchell asked the Fire Chief, Jim Spiegel, to make a presentation of checks to the Township and to the Police Department for the assistance of a fire at the Coloma AEP station a few months ago. Chief Spiegel presented a check for \$7,111.17 to Supervisor Parrigin for Coloma Township then presented a check for \$380.21 to the Coloma Police Department. Supervisor Parrigin thanked Chief Spiegel for completing the process to make this happen. Trustee Mitchell stated The Fire Board voted to place the Fire Truck Replacement Millage Proposal on the November election but needs the approval from the Township. Supervisor Parrigin asked for an approval. Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Aviles, made a motion to approve the Fire Truck Replacement Millage Proposal which is to be place on the November election ballot. 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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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger stated there is still some wiring that needs to be done on the Water Tower and also adjustments on the float controls. Mayor Jim Polashak, City of Coloma, asked if he could make a comment. He stated when testing the water lines yesterday three city lines were destroyed due to too much pressure and he wanted to know where the billings should be sent for the repairs. Supervisor Parrigin inform him to send them to the Township and it would be decided who would pay the billings. Engineer Granger also stated the next step for the Morning Aire/Weatherly project is to set up a Public Hearing. Supervisor Parrigin asked if the first step should be to get the road "Right of Way". Engineer Granger thought that was correct but would investigate.

Clerk Kraemer informed the Board the final billing had been received from JF New/Spicer and asked for an approval to pay \$2,119.95 which is the Coloma Township portion. Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, made a motion to pay JF New/Spicer, in the amount of \$2,119.95. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin spoke with a company that maintains Water Towers but after talking with City officials the Township doesn't need a maintenance company because the City maintains the Water Tower.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doug Somers, Coloma resident, stated he was disappointed the millage was defeated for leaf pickup and asked if there was something that could be done. Supervisor Parrigin informed him we could downsize the proposal to .25 mills and ask only for landfill passes and leaf pickup and put it back on the November election.

There was a general consent for the Township to do this so Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion. Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Treasurer Becht, made a motion to downsize the Operating Services proposal to .25 mills and get it back on the November election. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Cecil Martin, Coloma resident, asked if the Township had money in the Parks & Recreation fund. He also asked if there were any grants available. Clerk Kraemer asked him to contact the Township during business hours and she would get him an answer. He then inquired as to what balance was in the General Fund. He was asked to call the Township during business hours and he could get that information also.

There were several questions and comments regarding the special lake assessment, in which Supervisor Parrigin asked them to come to the Public hearing on August 28, 2010 at 10:00am at Watervliet High School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____