

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm 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 Clerk Kraemer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved July expenses totaling \$255,545.33. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Mitchell 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

Retta Curneal representing United Way did a presentation informing everyone United Way is focusing on Education, Income and Health this year. "The building blocks of a good life – and Basic Needs." She left information and stated if anyone is interested to follow up with her.

Rick Rasmussen from the Paw Paw Lake Advisory Committee presented a 5 gallon container filled with lake water and muck. He stated in some spots on the lake this muck is 6" thick and other places it is 6' thick. He proposed the committee wants to hire a firm to come in and do an analysis to find out what the muck consists of and hopefully a solution to get rid of it. He will present this under New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was a memo from the Non-Union Employees to the Board but it wasn't in the Board packet before the meeting therefore it was tabled to give each Board member sufficient time to read it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported the Personnel committee is continuing to work with Atty. Keith Brodie on personnel matters and to update the handbook for Non-Union employees.

Supervisor Parrigin reported there are issues on Becht Road which they are trying to solve. He appointed Jeff Mitchell to the Road Committee along with Trustee Duffield and himself.

Trustee Fulton stated the Planning Commission continues to discuss and update Ordinances.

Treasurer Becht reported the audit has been completed for the Joint Sewer Board and he gave some comparisons from prior years versus this year.

Chief Pompey gave his Police report and stated the Sub-station set up in downtown Coloma worked out well during the Glad-Peach Festival. He thanked his employees for the great job they did during the festival and stated there were only minor problems. He also announced the "Officer of the Month" was Rory Bell for the second time in three months.

Trustee Mitchell reported a decision has been made on hiring a North Berrien Fire-Rescue Chief. The Fire board will be presenting an offer to Jim Spiegel from Countryside, IL. The board would like his starting date to be September 1, 2009 if all the details can be worked out.

Trustee Duffield stated there have been some trees trimmed at the Cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger reported there is an elevation problem between the City water tower and the Township water tower. There have been controlled valves installed to try to alleviate it.

Trustee Mitchell stated they would like to get the Fire Chief hired and in place before the Township boards makes a decision on the Resolution regarding payment of Fire and Emergency response costs so it was tabled.

Trustee Fulton stated the Coloma Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 27, 2009 to amend several sections in the Coloma Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. They voted to request approval from the Township Board and Berrien County Planning Department. The Berrien County Planning Department has approved it. Trustee Fulton made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #99, seconded by Trustee Mitchell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Rasmussen stated the Paw Paw Lake Advisory Committee has a bid from JF New and the Spicer Group to furnish professional services in connection with the preparation of a long and short-term lake restoration plan for Paw Paw Lake. The total costs of \$45,000.00 would be split with Watervliet Township if they approve it at their meeting next week. After discussion from the Board Members and the audience Trustee Aviles made a motion Coloma Township pay for half of the costs for these services to be performed providing Watervliet Township approved it at their Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Mitchell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield, the meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____