

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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, Bryan Duffield, Cynthia Aviles and Robert Molter. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Duffield.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$201,531.15. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Baldrige from Michigan Municipal League addressed the board regarding the process of conducting a township manager search. The search will require a series of 3 meetings with the board. The initial meeting will establish a recruitment profile. The second meeting will review possible candidates and the third meeting will be for interviewing candidates. Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Duffield to initiate a township manager search and to retain Michigan Municipal League to conduct the search. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Gus Anton addressed the board regarding concerns over water rates for township residents. He stated township residents pay 1½ times the rate city resident's pay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported the CWAEDC has official changed its name to North Berrien Community Development and strategic planning is underway.

Supervisor Parrigin reported Douglas Terrace road is currently being worked on and Curtis Drive will be next.

Trustee Duffield reported the planning commission had two public hearings. One was for a rezoning request and the other was for the Tuscany Hills development.

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Supervisor Parrigin reported the sewer board is running well and an issue was addressed regarding an employee driving a sewer truck around on his own time. This will no longer be the practice.

Police Chief Cottier reported the Glad Peach Festival went well.

Trustee Molter reported the Fire Board was thanked by Elkhart for assisting with a fire.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger announced Balkema may start laying water main the first week of September. Paw Paw Lake Road and Morning Aire easement are being obtained. The township needs to work on a resolution for tap fees for individuals who would like to receive city water but who do not qualify for the state program. The zoning administrator will look into this.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #11 from Balkema Excavating, Inc. for clean-up and connection work in the amount of \$43,635.20. Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve pay estimate #11 to Balkema Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$43,635.20. ROLL CALL VOTE: Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #2 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc for water service connections from June 20, 2007 to August 2, 2007 in the amount of \$43,538.94. Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Treasurer Becht to approve pay estimate #2 to Scott W. Taylor Excavating in the amount of \$43,538.94. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #1 from Maurer & Parks Well Drilling for well abandonment's through August 1, 2007 in the amount of \$28,196.10. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve pay estimate #1 from Maurer & Parks Well Drilling in the amount of \$28,196.10. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the recommendation of the planning commission for a special land use permit and planned unit development for Tuscany Hills. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve a 3.6% pay increase effective 4/1/07 for 18 months for all non-union employees except the newly hired deputy clerk. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Molter to appoint Ronald Clark, Charles Abrams and Marc Hettig to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term expiring 6/30/2010. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mickey Swisher asked if the township has any plans to rectify a land situation in which the township has acquired numerous easements. Supervisor Parrigin said he is looking into the matter.

Shawn Patz informed the board of a storm drain failure at the corner of Becht Road and Paw Paw Lake Road. Supervisor Parrigin said he will address the problem.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Olsen, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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Date Approved:

