

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2006

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 and Cynthia Aviles. Absent Trustee Robert Molter. Arriving at 7:20 Trustee Brian Duffield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Helbling.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Trustee Aviles asked that the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2006 meeting be pulled from the consent agenda. Trustee Aviles asked that the public comment section be updated to show Mr. Newman's concern regarding obtaining a notarized easement. The minutes were updated and placed back into the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported that the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$211,866.99. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes, Aviles, yes. ABSENT – 2. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Coloma Township Board received a thank you note from the Glad-Peach Festival Committee for its additional donation to cover debt incurred at the 2006 festival.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles announced the CWAEDC Christmas party went very well with over 100 in attendance. The annual report has been completed and copies are available at the township hall for review. The budget will be presented at the January meeting in order to get the information to townships and cities before their annual meetings.

Supervisor Parrigin reported Island Ct. and some of Paw Paw Ave will be paved next year.

Treasurer Becht announced the sewer board gave all employees a turkey in November and will be giving December bonuses ranging from \$100.00 - \$500.00 this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger announced water main lines are being laid on Cherry, Clark and High Streets. When these mains are finished they will be finished for the winter. Mr. Granger presented pay estimate #6 from Balkema Excavating, Inc. for water main lines laid from Oct. 31 – Dec. 1, 2006 in the amount of \$263,808.60.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Treasurer Becht to approve pay estimate #6 from Balkema Excavating in the amount of \$263,808.60. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT – 2. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer George Granger presented pay estimate #15 from Compton Inc. for water service connections for the month of November in the amount of \$2,457.50.

Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Helbling to approve pay estimate #15 to Compton Inc. for \$2,457.50. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT – 2. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Aviles to accept the first reading of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Helbling, yes, Becht, yes. ABSENT – 2. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to adopt a resolution to endorse the Housing Resource Network of Southwest Michigan's plan to end homelessness in the next decade. Alysia Babcock spoke to the board regarding the needs of the homeless and the efforts being made to end homelessness in Berrien County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Treasurer Becht to appoint:

David Defields to the Building Authority for a 3 year term expiring 12/31/2009.

Cindy Aviles and Robin Jollay to the CWAEDC Board for a 1 year term expiring 12/31/2007.

Judy Clark to the Joint District Library Board for a 4 year term expiring 12/31/2010.

Lance Becht to the Joint Sewer Board for a 2 year term expiring 11/20/2008.

James Fulton and Mary Collis to the Planning Commission Board for a 3 year term expiring 6/30/2009.

Sandra Kraemer to the Senior Center Board for a 1 year term expiring 11/1/2007.

Robert Rittmeyer, Mark Cowell, Jim Fulton and Edward Helbling as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term expiring 6/30/2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer George Granger presented a watermain extension agreement to be considered by the board. Edgewater Beach Condominium and MBR Development will cover all costs incurred in extending city water to them. Motioned by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Duffield to support the watermain extension agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Francis Styers asked if residents without contaminated wells will be receiving city water. Supervisor Parrigin let her know they will not.

Moved by Trustee Aviles seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved:

