

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00p.m. at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor 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 Duffield

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$512,345.95. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rick Rasmussen and Norma Somers presented a petition with 407 signatures of lake property owners for a Lake Restoration Initiative. This presentation was intended to establish the petition which is the first step for this Lake Restoration Initiative. After the presentation there were several questions and comments from the audience. Supervisor Parrigin stated he would accept the petition and send it to the Township Attorneys for further review.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Roger Zilke, Berrien County Drain Commissioner, to inform Board of ongoing conversations between himself, Joseph Parman, Van Buren County Commissioner, and Karl Haussler, Michigan Department of Agriculture, regarding maintenance petition for the Branch and Derby Drains, which traverses both Counties.

Letter from Frank Jurenka, Director - Water Quality for Paw Paw Lake, asking Board to pass a resolution in favor of a Berrien County wide ordinance banning the use of Residential Lawn Fertilizer.

Letter from William Wolf, Berrien County Administrator, requesting Sound Level Testing. Supervisor Parrigin responded with a letter encouraging the County to work local residents to develop a cooperative solution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Aviles reported Semi-Annual Round Table breakfast was very informative. Also the Annual meeting of the North Berrien Community Development was very well attended.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported the Planning Commission recommended approval of a special land use permit for a communications tower on the corner of N. Coloma Road and Hagar Shore Road.

Treasurer Lance Becht reported the Joint Sewer Board will start working on 2009 Budget soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger presented pay estimate #8 from Maurer & Parks Well Drilling, in the amount of \$9,056.00, for well abandonments for the month of October 2008.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve pay estimate #8 from Maurer & Parks Well Drilling in the amount of \$9,056.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #9 from Maguire Iron, Inc in the amount of \$18,460.15 for elevated water storage improvements for the month of November, 2008.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Fulton to approve pay estimate #9 from Maguire Iron, Inc in the amount of \$18,460.15. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #14 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$23,016.33 for water service connections for month of November, 2008.

Moved by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Clerk Kraemer to approve pay estimate #14 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc in amount of \$23,016.33. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #21 from Balkema Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$80,171.45 for water system improvements for the month of November, 2008.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approved pay estimate #21 from Balkema Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$80,171.45. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve Interim Chief of Police Samuel E. Harris for the Coloma Township Police Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. NAYES -0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles that the Township pay the Berrien County Sheriff's Department for the temporary assignment of Chief Deputy Samule E. Harris to the Township as Interim Chief of Police an amount equal to the former police chief's weekly pay plus benefits, in one payment when the temporary assignment conclude upon the hiring of a new Police Chief. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

New board and committee appointments are as follows:

Moved by Clerk Kraemer, seconded by Trustee Duffield to appoint Cindy Aviles and Robin Mileski to the North Berrien Community Development Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. NAYES -0. MOTION CARRIED.

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Moved by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Mitchell to appoint Bryan Duffield, Larry Davis, and Ed Helbling to the Joint Cemetery Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. NAYES -0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Duffield to appoint Steve Groendyke and Jeff Mitchell to Joint Fire Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Clerk Kraemer to appoint Karen Nichols to Joint District Library Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Duffield to appoint Lance Becht to Joint Sewer Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. NAYES -0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Aviles to appoint Robert Harper to Planning Commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. NAYES -0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Mitchell to appoint Sandy Kraemer to the North Berrien Senior Center Board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. NAYES -0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Becht to approve rezoning of (Braganini) property # 11-08-0032-0012-09-2 from Ag-T, Agricultural-Transitional to C-1, Commerical. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, no; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. AYES -6. NAYES-1. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Mitchell for special land use permit request from Morning Glory Farms and Verizon Wireless to erect a communications tower. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

A representative from Watervliet Business Association invited the Board and guests to the 2009 Watervliet Ice Festival to be held in January, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Mitchell the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved