

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2007

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, Cynthia Aviles and Brian Duffield. Absent: Trustee Robert Molter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Olsen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee approved bills totaling \$191,317.44. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ABSENT - 1. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Olsen announced the personnel committee met and decided to initiate a new search for a township manager in January.

Trustee Aviles announced the North Berrien Community Development held it's annual December meeting and decided to change the date of the annual meeting to March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger presented bids for the elevated water storage improvements. He recommended the board award the bid to Maguire Iron, Inc. for \$541,999.60.

Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Treasurer Becht to award the bid for the elevated water storage improvements to Maguire Iron, Inc. for \$541,999.60. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #6 from Scott Taylor Excavating, Inc. for water service connections for the month of November in the amount of \$20,427.28.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve pay estimate #6 to Scott Taylor Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$20,427.28. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT - 1. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #13 from Balkema Excavating, Inc. for the month of November in the amount of \$144,818.04 to be paid from the D.E.Q. fund and \$105,552.11 to be paid from the water main extension fund.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve pay estimate #13 from Balkema Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$144,818.04 to be paid from the D.E.Q. fund and \$105,552.11 to be paid from the water main extension fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #4 to Maurer & Parks Well Drilling for the month of November for the well abandonment program for \$6,660.00.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Treasurer Becht to approve pay estimate #4 to Maurer & Parks Well Drilling for \$6,660.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Helbling to approve a special land use permit from Blackberry Hills Site Condominium Association for construction of a 16 square foot sign. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ABSENT – 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Duffield, to approve Resolution #2007-08 #9 opposing the construction of a new Michigan State Police Headquarters. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Aviles to accept the Volunteer Fire Assistant Grant from the DNR in the amount of \$5,125.00 for a dry hydrant at the corner of Paw Paw Lake Road and Central Ave. and authorize the supervisor to sign the acceptance form. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Duffield to authorize the township engineer to meet with Dale Stover of the Coloma-Hagar Fire Department and begin site design of the dry hydrant project along with authorizing them to apply to the DEQ for any needed permits. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ABSENT – 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Clerk Olsen to authorize the township supervisor to discuss an easement from the Berrien County Road Commission for the proposed project on Central Avenue, which is a county right of way. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ABSENT – 1. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rosemary Costello expressed concern regarding a special drain assessment on her tax bill. Supervisor Parrigin will contact the drain commission to discuss.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved:

