

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Jim Fulton, Cindy Aviles, Jeff Mitchell, and Bryan Duffield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Randy Pompey

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved November expenses totaling \$231,713.90. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, November Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Duffield, yes.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Parrigin informed the Board Senate Bill 7, PA #152 of 2011, will be in effect January 1, 2012 which means non-union employees will have to start paying 20% of their medical insurance, unless the Board exempts itself from these requirements with a two-thirds vote of its governing body. In meetings he has attended many of the Townships are opting out and layering the percentages, per year, over a four year period. Supervisor Parrigin would like the non-union employees to have the same agreement as the Police Department, which is 8% cost of premium for 2012; 12% cost of premium for 2013; 16% cost of premium for 2014; then 20% cost of premium in 2015. The Board will have to opt out of this each year until the 20% is reached. After Board discussion Clerk Kraemer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cindy Aviles, to move the Township opt out of these requirements of Senate Bill #7, PA #152 of 2011. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; and Fulton, yes. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Sandy Kraemer reported she has been in contact with Attorney Keith Brodie regarding Senate Bill 7, PA #152 of 2011, and the legal terms of presenting it.

Trustee Cindy Aviles reported the “Santa coming to Town” event went great. Lots of children lined up to talk with Santa and there were cookies, free coffee, and other treats for everyone. She also reported the annual community recognition meeting was held on, December 8, 2011, at the Friendly Tavern, sponsored by the North Berrien Community Development and Coloma Watervliet Chamber of Commerce. Two people were recognized for their community service one being Marsha Hammond and the other David Baiers. Everyone appreciates the dedication of these two people.

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the sewer board’s ten year capital projects plan and highlighted some of the planning. He also stated there is going to be a 15% increase in the township’s sewer bill due to rising costs. The most recent rate increase was in 2007.

Chief Pompey presented his November, 2011 Police report. He highlighted some of the activities for the month and stated he would be happy to answer any questions.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell reported the new fire truck is in service and the volunteer firemen who have been trained to use it are impressed by its efficiency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin informed the Board he would like to have the engineers at the February Board meeting to negotiate the Morning Aire/Weatherly sewer extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin asked if any of the Board members were interested in attending the annual MTA conference in Detroit the end of January, 2012. If so, please let Clerk Kraemer know and she will make the reservations.

Clerk Kraemer presented Resolution #2011/2012- #6 to appoint a Receiving Board by the Coloma Charter Township Election Commission for elections beginning February 28, 2012. Clerk Kraemer stated most municipalities are putting this resolution into effect. It is a closing team that makes sure all the figures, at the end of the election, are in balance. After board discussion Clerk Kraemer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to approve Resolution #2011/2012- #6. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. Absent Duffield. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin stated he would like to give the office staff an appreciation bonus of \$100.00. After board discussion Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Jim Fulton, made a motion to give the office staff an appreciation bonus of \$100.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Wooley informed everyone the Berrien County Road Millage will be on the November, 2012 election ballot.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____