

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 11, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm 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 \$1,179,423.62. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. APPROVED

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attorney Charles Ammeson asked for a closed session to up date the board on the Police Contract. Moved by Trustee Mitchell seconded by Trustee Aviles the board go into closed session with Attorney Ammeson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. APPROVED. Board went into closed session at 7:18pm.

At 7:32pm Trustee Becht moved the board return to open session seconded by Trustee Duffield. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. APPROVED. Attorney Ammeson recommended the board approved the Police Contract. Motion by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to accept the Police Contract as written. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Jay Kilpatrick, representative from Williams & Works, professional planning consultants, stated his company would like the opportunity to work with Coloma Township. He presented a packet outlining the services his company provides.

Kandy Hays, representative from the St. Patrick's Day Parade, informed the board the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00pm in downtown Coloma. She thanked the Township for their support and donation of \$300.00 last year and asked if the Township would donate \$300.00 to this year's event.

Motion made by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Duffield, to donate \$300.00 to the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CALLED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Cheryl Van Drasek, Coloma Township Zoning Administrator, sent a letter to the board stating the Coloma Township Planning Commission is preparing to update its existing land use plan. If anyone would like to receive a draft copy please request it through the Township.

Motion by Trustee Mitchell to approve update existing land use plan, seconded by Treasurer Becht. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported the North Berrien County Development has set up budget committee. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Recognition Event will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Trade in Watervliet.

Trustee Fulton reported the Planning Commission will update their Master Plan.

Treasurer Becht reported the Joint Sewer Board is working on their budget. They are considering replacing some equipment for more efficiency.

Trustee Mitchell reported the Fire Board approved the job description for Fire Chief. Current Fire Chief presented resignation. They are considering physical training tests for firefighters.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger presented pay estimate #11 from Maguire Iron, Inc., in the amount of \$16,669.65, for elevated water storage improvements for month of January, 2009.

Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Clerk Kraemer to approve pay estimate #11 from Maguire Iron, Inc, in the amount of \$16,669.65. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #98 to rezone property code 11-08-0032-0012-09-2 from AG-T agricultural transition to residential C-1 commercial. Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Mitchell to adopt Ordinance #98 to rezone property code 11-08-0032-0012-09-2 from AG-T agricultural transition to residential C-1 commercial. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, no; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. AYES-6. NAYES-1. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #2009-02 for Retaining Fire Insurance Withholding Program for demolition was presented in complete resolution form. Motion made by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Fulton to accept Resolution #2009-02 for Retaining Fire Insurance Withholding Program for demolition. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes, Fulton, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

## NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Police contract is accepted in above section under "Presentations and Announcements".

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to extend Winter Tax Deadline to February 28, 2009 without penalty. Motion made by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to extend Winter Tax Deadline to February 28, 2009 without penalty. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #2009-01 to change name of the Coloma-Hagar Joint Fire Board and Fire Department to North Berrien Fire-Rescue Board and Fire Department. Supervisor Parrigin stated the Coloma Township board had passed this resolution at a previous meeting.

Supervisor Parrigin appointed Cliff Stevens to Glad-Peach committee.

Engineer George Granger stated the township should be prepared if the pending stimulus funding to local governments is approved. He presented a resolution for board approval if the pending stimulus funding to local government is approved. Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Aviles, to approve the pending stimulus funding to local government. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, no; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. AYES-6. NAYES-1. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Coloma resident Sarah Jollay stated the ad hoc committee for the Concerned Citizens Against the Berrien County Gun Range has not changed its mind in anyway as was indicated in a local newspaper.

Moved by Trustee Becht, seconded by Treasurer Aviles the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

