

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2012

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 Cindy Aviles, Jeff Mitchell, and Bryan Duffield. Absent Trustee Jim Fulton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bryan Duffield

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved January expenses totaling \$179,205.62. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, January Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Duffield, yes. Absent Trustee Fulton. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT AGENDA APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representatives from Coloma Community Schools were present: Terry Boguth, Superintendent, Bill Stowers, Board President, and Rod Krieger, Co-chairman of the upcoming school mileage. They were present regarding a conversation they had with Coloma Township Supervisor Ken Parrigin about a week ago. If the school mileage passes their plans are to close Washington school and they asked if the Township would be interested in taking it over as a Township park. Supervisor Parrigin told them he personally would be interested and asked them to come to the Township meeting and discuss it with the Board. Supervisor Parrigin asked each Board member their thoughts on this subject and each member had a positive comment. Though there were some concerns about how the conversion would take place that will have to be worked out between the school and Township. Supervisor Parrigin set up a committee to represent the Township which consists of Trustee Cindy Aviles, Trustee Bryan Duffield, and Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported the update of the employee handbook is on hold while her department is busy with the upcoming election and collecting property taxes.

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, informed everyone the PGA is coming to the area this year will have a huge impact on our area. There will be a speaker, from the PGA, at the February Chamber meeting if anyone is interested in attending please give Chana a call to let her know you are attending. The Chamber meeting will be held on February 14, 2012, at noon, at the Friendly Restaurant.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed everyone the sewer board has chosen Nippon Insurance Co. as the new employee insurance. The sewer plant will pay 100% of the premium and also pay \$25.00 per week into the employees HSA accounts. Treasurer Becht also informed the Board, when they were looking at the By-Laws, the official name of the sewer plant is "Paw Paw Lake Regional Joint Sewage Disposal Plant" so going forward that is how it will be referred. He presented the sewer report and stated there will be a proposed rate increase to support water line infrastructure.

Lieutenant Jason Roe presented the January, 2012 Police report. He highlighted some of the activities for the month and answered all questions. Lieutenant Roe then informed everyone the Police department had presented an officer of the month but have decided to go with "Officer of the Year". He presented a plaque to Officer Dan Stuglik as officer of the year then thanked him for his community involvement and dedication.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell presented the North Berrien Fire and Rescue report. He reported they are finalizing the budget for 2012/2013 and gave the Board figures and a time line on purchasing a tanker truck and a pumper truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Lance Becht stated the 2011 Winter Taxes would be extended to February 29, 2012 with the approval of the Board. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Cindy Aviles, made to motion to extend the 2011 Winter Taxes to February 29, 2012. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. Fulton Absent. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer presented a letter from the Glad-Peach Festival requesting a contribution for the 2012 Glad-Peach Festival. Clerk Kraemer asked for an approval of a \$2,000.00 contribution, which was the same as last year. Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, made a motion to contribute \$2,000.00 to the 2012 Glad-Peach Festival. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Becht, yes. Fulton Absent. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Bertuca commented if the Township does take ownership of the Washington School property he would like to see a flag-football field there along with the baseball fields that are already there.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Cindy Aviles, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____

