

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 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 Cynthia Aviles, Jim Fulton, Jeff Mitchell and Bryan Duffield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Kraemer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved January expenses totaling \$179,214.45. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Lance Becht announced the 2010 Winter Tax deadline will be extended to February 28, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer presented a letter, from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, thanking the Township for their past support and asked if the Township would support them again this year with \$300.00 for expenses. Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, made a motion we give \$300.00 to the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee to help cover expenses. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION PASSED.

Clerk Kraemer presented a letter from the Township Mechanical Inspector, Walter L. DeVisser, Sr., requesting the Township formally appoint Mark De Visser as Deputy Mechanical Inspector. Mark DeVisser is an experienced licensed HVACR technician and installer. This appointment is provided for in Sec 103 of the Michigan Mechanical Code. This will help make prompt inspections, issue permits or answer questions relating to the mechanical code if Walter L. DeVisser, Sr. is not available.

Clerk Kraemer also informed the Board Mr. DeVisser sent a letter concerning wood burning hydronic heaters (Yard boilers or water furnaces) which are being installed without permits nor inspections. He is asking the Municipalities he serves if they could jointly place a statement in the newspaper stating these devices do need inspections and permits. Clerk Kraemer stated she is working with other Townships to get this coordinated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported she has received several other municipalities' employee hand books and working on a comparison to get the Township employee hand book updated.

Chana Kniebes reported there is not a lot going on with North Berrien Community Development right now but there is going to be a ribbon cutting for a new business coming to town.

Treasurer Becht reported the Sewer Board is coming along on their major "Headworks" project. He informed the Board of the disbursements on the project so far. He also gave the statistic report for the month of January, 2011.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported it was suggested, by the Judge, that Coloma Township and Coloma Road and Gun Club go into mediation to try to resolve their issues. The Township should receive a letter regarding this suggestion at which time Trustee Fulton stated it should be processed through the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Board.

Lieutenant Jason Roe presented the Police report in the absence of Chief Pompey. He reviewed some of the activities on the January report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported all is quiet with the Cemetery Board at this time.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell reported the Fire Board has received a \$77,000.00 Grant to be used for specific items such as imaging cameras, new hoses and other miscellaneous items. He stated there will be rabies shot clinic, sponsored by the Berrien County Animal Control, on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Coloma Fire Station. He presented a draft of the fire department's 2011-2012 budget which included parking lot improvements of the Coloma station. There was a lengthy discussion of how the resolution "Fire Insurance Withholding Program" was written and was to be implemented. Tim Sewcyck, from the Fire Board, was on hand to assist with the explanation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Bertuca asked if there were any new developments on the "Special Assessment District" for Paw Paw Lake. Supervisor Parrigin stated he has not heard anything official at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____