

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 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 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 December expenses totaling \$218,866.53. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda, December 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

Rory Bell, Sanitation Supervisor, presented the Sanitation Report. He explained since the last report all of the lift stations have been converted with new motors and control panels. He has been watching the electric usage and it has dropped significantly with these updates. The phone line and dialer installations have eliminated and dedicated phone circuits have been installed which will save the Township approximately \$34,000.00 a year. The new LED lighting he installed around the outside of the Township building should reduce the majority of ice buildup which has been a problem in the past. New thermostats have been install throughout the building and programmed to regulate the temperature of the building which will be more efficient. The Township employees have commented the building has been more comfortable than ever. He has also installed 14 pads for the generators at each lift station which will allow the valve bodies to remain above the water and reduce the sump pump from running 24/7.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported she has again started working on updating handbook.

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, reported the St. Patrick's Day committee has started working on the St. Patrick's Day parade which will be on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 7:30pm. She presented a letter giving information on the parade and also stated the Township gave a \$300.00 contribution last year and would appreciate the same contribution this year. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, made a motion to contribute \$300.00 for the 2012 St. Patrick's Day festival. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, Yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Chana also 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. The Chamber meeting will be held on February 14, 2012.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed everyone the sewer board has made a decision to change health insurance for the sewer employees. They are going to Health Savings Accounts with a \$1,500.00 deductible. The sewer board will make a contribution to the employees HSA accounts.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell reported bids for the fire tanker and fire pumper will be narrowed down, by a committee, and then presented to the municipalities. He also reported the fire board is at 77% revenue and 73% budget.

Chief Randy Pompey presented his December, 2011 Police report. He state it was a very busy month then highlighted some of the activities for the month. He said he would be happy to answer any questions.

Trustee Bryan Duffield stated the cemetery has started clearing some land and has dug up something that had a lot of asphalt. He said there are plies of old asphalt that will have to be removed from the site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Board needed to approve the weed control contract for 2012 for the Special Assessment District on Paw Paw Lake. Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion that the Coloma Charter Township Board approve a one-year contract, not to exceed \$130,000.00 for 2012, to Professional Lake & Land Management for weed management application and a separate one-year contract, not to exceed \$15,000.00 for 2012, to JF New for related weed management testing and analyses. ROLL CALL VOTE; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer announced some Board appointments were up for renewal and asked for a motion to approve the renewals. Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, made a motion to appoint the following people to the following boards:

Board of Review for 2 year term ending 12-31-2013, Jerry Willmeng and Mary Collis.

Building Authority Board for a 3 year term ending 12-31-2014, Sandy Kraemer.

North Berrien Community Development Board for a 1 year term, Cindy Aviles and Robin Mileski.

Joint Cemetery Board for a 3 year term ending 12-31-2014, Bryan Duffield, Larry Davis, and Matt Moser.

Joint Sewer Board for a 2 year term ending 12-31-2013, John Oakley.

Planning Commission Board for a 3 year term ending 6-31-2014, Gary Griffin and Robert Harper.

North Berrien Senior Center Board for a 1 year term ending 11-1-2012, Sandy Kraemer.

Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending 6-30-2014, Randy Westbrook and Douglas Somers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christopher J. Quattrin, who is a candidate running for Berrien County Drain Commission 2012, introduced himself to everyone and presented his background as to why he feels he is qualified for this position.

Steve Joslin, from Coloma Township, asked who is paying for Paw Paw Lake to be cleaned up. Supervisor Parrigin informed him the Special Assessment District for Paw Paw Lake is the one paying for it.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____