

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2010

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, 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 December expenses totaling \$211,697.56. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Fulton to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer asked the board for approval to get estimates on outsourcing the Township payroll. Trustee Aviles made the motion, seconded by Trustee Mitchell to get estimates on outsourcing the Township payroll. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Aviles asked Chana from the North Berrien Community Develop to report for this committee. Chana reported the December annual meeting of the North Berrien Community Development was well attended. Also there is going to be an after hours for the new restaurant but no date as been set yet.

Trustee Fulton stated he would report the Planning Commission's decision on the sign size for The Chocolate Garden under unfinished business.

Treasurer Becht announced the Joint Sewer committee is meeting to review budget. He stated there is a possibility there will be no raise in rates.

Chief Pompey presented his Police report in which he highlighted some of the activities of the report. He announced the November "Officer of the Month" was Trent DeGroff and the December "Officer of the month was Ray Morlock.

Trustee Mitchell reported the North Berrien Fire-Rescue received a check for \$1,000.00 from AEP due to the professionalism of handling the fire at the AEP sub-station off Coloma Road. He also stated Chief Spiegel presented a preliminary budget to the Fire board. Coloma Township has an increase of about 13.7% mainly due to losing Bainbridge Township.

Trustee Duffield reported the Township paid the Green Leaf Machine Company \$23,520.00 for the fall leaf pick-up. Due to the good weather conditions in the fall there was an increase in the number of people that utilized the service. Since the amount budgeted for the fall pick-ups and one Spring pick-up was \$23,500.00 we may have to re-visit the leaf pick-up for Spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger reported two new valves have been ordered for the new water tower in the Township which should make it operate efficiently.

Trustee Fulton reported a Public Hearing was held December 21, 2009 and after much public comment and Planning Commission discussion, the Planning Commission voted to make a recommendation to the Township Board that a 4 foot by 8 foot sign be granted to The Chocolate Garden, in place of the current signage. The total area of the signage cannot exceed 4 foot by 8 foot. Trustee Fulton made a motion, seconded by

Trustee Mitchell, for the approval of the sign. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin asked for approval for the Township to participate in the “Parks and Recreation Plan” in which Coloma City, Watervliet City, and Watervliet Township are also participating. Clerk Kraemer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mitchell that Coloma Township participates. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin asked for an approval of a letter from Plante-Moran, PLLC, to audit the Township records. The estimated cost is \$15,450.00. Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Fulton, made a motion to approve Plante-Moran, PLLC, for this service. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Coloma Township Attorney Scott Dienes presented a resolution for Morningaire and Weatherly Streets for Sanitary Sewer Extension/Special Assessment District # 10-01. There was a lengthy discussion from the property owners voicing concern of their individual costs and some didn't feel it was needed. Attorney Dienes assured the property owners the first step is for the Board to approve this resolution then there would be two public meetings for them to present their issues and concerns. With that being said Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, made a motion to approve the resolution. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield, the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____