

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Trustee Cynthia Aviles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the township: Supervisor Parrigin, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees, Bryan Duffield, Robert Molter, Cynthia Aviles and Edward Helbling. Absent: Clerk Debra Olsen. There were approximately 16 citizens present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht reported that the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$188,523.21. Treasurer Becht, supported Trustee Molter, moved to approve the consent agenda, bills and minutes of the June 13, 2007 and special meeting of June 27, 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes; Aviles, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coloma Emergency Ambulance representative Cassie Sikes, made a presentation about the brochure sent to area residents offering family membership to CEMS PlusOne at an annual cost of \$39.00. Ms. Sikes explained that due to the Medicare laws an ambulance service must bill anyone who uses the ambulance for transport. The PlusOne membership allows residents who enroll to use the ambulance service and transfers to and from the hospital with no out-of-pocket expense. They offer any Care-a-Van service at a 20% discount to members. Ms. Sikes reported that the CEMS is now qualified to transport critical care patients so citizens have another option if the helicopter is not available. The board thanked Ms. Sikes for the information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported that the CWAEDC continues to work on the strategic plan. The golf outing was a great success with many participants. There were thirteen sponsors and CWAEDC was very pleased that Nexgen (the new ethanol plant) participated and donated \$1,000.00 for the outing. The outing brought in \$3,500.00

Treasurer Becht reported that the Paw Paw Lake Treatment Plant was meeting July 12 to review management practices and procedures. Treasurer Becht announced that he could not attend that meeting, so Supervisor Parrigin volunteered to attend.

UNFINISHED BUISINESS

Engineer Granger presented Pay Estimate #10 from Balkema that included two separate payments under one contract. Trustee Aviles, supported by Trustee Molter moved to approve payment of \$66,156.30 (the funds are in escrow) for pipe purchased to extend water to the Edgewater Beach Condos. ROLL CALL VOTE: Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes; Aviles, Yes; Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION

CARRIED. Trustee Molter, supported by Trustee Aviles moved to pay the second portion of Balkema's Pay Estimate #10, in the amount of \$332,430.67. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes; Aviles, Yes; Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Several people who live in the Interlochen Woods subdivision, reported that they have little or no water pressure and asked if it were possible to speed up the water connections to the area. Engineer Granger explained that the extensions could not be made until the construction permit was finalized by the State of Michigan. He explained that it might take at least two weeks for the permit and an additional two weeks for the pipe to be installed and tested, before connections could be made. Discussion followed regarding the water/well issues and possible solutions. Supervisor Parrigin offered to look in to the matter and try to find a solution.

Engineer Granger presented Pay Estimate #1 for board approval. Eight connections have been made by Scott Taylor to date. The company connects by directional drilling and therefore there is little disturbance to the landscape. Trustee Molter, supported by Trustee Duffield, moved to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$19,895.89. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, Yes; Aviles, Yes; Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion followed regarding the water tank installation and capping of wells. Engineer Granger said he expected the water tower construction to begin this fall with completion slated for next summer. The capping of wells is essential and required by the State of Michigan to stop the movement of water contamination. The state will allow residents to keep their wells and connect to city water however; they must bear all costs associated with their water connection.

Supervisor Parrigin reported that repair to the township hall is on hold but a meeting has been scheduled for July 17th with the attorneys regarding the building repair. There is nothing additional to report.

Mr. Frank Jurenka asked to speak to the board regarding a formal Bathometric Survey study spearheaded by the Paw Paw Lake Foundation. The study would include Paw Paw Lake, Little Paw Paw Lake, Mudd Lake and the Paw Paw River. Several months ago Mr. Jurenka sought township board support and requested that the board consider donating \$2,000.00 toward the cost of the study. After some discussion, Trustee Duffield seconded by Trustee Aviles, moved to approve financial support in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Bathometric Survey. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, Yes; Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin stated that the police negotiations have been worked out and he recommends the board adopt the Resolution to finalize the labor agreement. Trustee Aviles supported by Trustee Duffield moved that the board go into closed session to

discuss and review the Police Department Contract. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, Yes; Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED. The board went into closed session at 7:39 p.m.

At 8:15 the board members returned to the boardroom and Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Molter, moved to resume the regular board meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, Yes; Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes; Aviles, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

After a short discussion Trustee Aviles, supported by Trustee Duffield moved to approved the “Resolution Authorizing the Coloma Charter Township Police Department to Finalize and Ratify a New Labor Agreement with the Coloma Charter Township Police Officers.” ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, Yes; Molter, Yes; Becht, Yes; Parrigin, Yes; Aviles, Yes; Duffield, Yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

With no additional business to come before the board, Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Aviles, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Miller

Date