

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 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 Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell. Absent Cindy Aviles

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Kraemer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved June expenses totaling \$213,132.19. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda, June Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. 1 ABSENT 6 AYES
AGENDA APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer read a "Thank you" note from the North Berrien Community Development thanking us for our generous contribution for the BBQ Blues & Cruise Festival held on June 16, 2012. It was a great festival with wonderful music, delicious food, and beautiful cars on display.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, presented the Board with a flier giving information on the upcoming Golf outing on August 24, 2012 which is their 9th Annual event. This is a fund raiser for them and they are hoping for a great turn out. She also announced there will be a ribbon cutting/after hours event for the

newest business in downtown Coloma which is called “Night Owl Designs by Suzette”, located at 119 N. Paw Paw Street, on Thursday, July 26th from 5 to 7pm.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin reported the Berrien County Road Commission will do some road work in front of the Township Hall.

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the May, 2012 Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Summary. He reported The Board approved a 2% wage increase, effective June 1, 2012. The trickling filter equipment will arrive on or near July 9th. Plant is in compliance.

Chief Pompey presented the June, 2012 Police report. He highlighted some of the activities for the month. Chief Pompey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Reserve Officer Casey Carr who has resigned due to moving out of the area. Chief thanked him for his dedication to the Police Department and wished him well. Chief Pompey also reminded everyone about the public safety renewal coming up on the August 7th election and encouraged everyone to vote for it. He informed everyone about a training course to be held at the Township. “AWR 147 Rail Car Incident Response”. This Rail Car Incident Response course is an 8 hour awareness level training program, developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell reported the North Berrien Fire Rescue received 21 applications for Fire Chief, with the deadline being June 15, 2012. The Fire Board will start narrowing down the applications for Fire Chief soon. They are currently at 19.9% Income and 12.9% Expense.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ken Parrigin and Trustee Jim Fulton met with the Township Engineers regarding the Morning Aire/Weatherly sewer extension. They were told by the Engineers if both Morning Aire and Weatherly agreed to the sewer extension it would

cost each of the property owners approximately \$20,700.00. If they do Morning Aire and not Weatherly it would cost each of the property owners approximately \$27,500.00 After discussion it was decided to have the Engineers send each property owner a letter and have a special meeting to update the property owners on the cost then let them decide.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer stated the Board needed to approve the election inspectors for the August 7th State Primary Election. She made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to approve the list of election inspectors for the August 7th State Primary Election. VOICE VOTE: 6 AYES 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Bertuca asked what has happened with purchasing the Fire Trucks. Supervisor Parrigin stated we will purchase them when the money is available. Mr. Bertuca then asked why the lake is so green and has light brown chunks floating on top of the water. Trustee Jim Fulton stated it is probably due to the treatment they have put into the water to try to clean the lake.

Reyna Price, who lives at 5906 DeField Road, near the new water tower, brought in pictures which showed her water to be brown in color and asked what the Township could do to clear it up. Supervisor Parrigin stated they have tried several different methods but so far nothing has worked. They drained the water tower last year and did not find anything but clear water. Trustee Jim Fulton stated he and Supervisor Parrigin has a meeting with the Water Advisory Board next month and they will bring it up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____