

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 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 Jim Fulton, and Bryan Duffield. Trustee Jeff Mitchell late and Trustee Cindy Aviles absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Jim Fulton.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved June expenses totaling \$198,121.27. 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; Duffield, yes. 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Randy Pompey did a presentation to recognize his officers and staff. He stated he has been in law enforcement for 32 years and it is a job he still loves to do. He commented now days everyone is asked to do more with less in the workplace, some people volunteer to do a job without pay. He recognized members of the Coloma Township Police Department Reserve Unit: Chad Harris, Justin Gagliardo, Robert Cattes, Todd Bohle and Casey Carr. They are trained through the police department but they purchase their own equipment and volunteer their time to keep the public safe. He told these Reserve Officers how proud he was of each of them and thanked them for the job they do. Next he presented two Distinguished Service Awards to Rory Bell and Dan Stuglik for their community work. They are involved in festivals such the St. Patrick's day parade, the Halloween party, Santa coming to town, and setting up the mini police station during the Glad/Peach festival. They also do a safety program presentation at each of the elementary schools. He thanked them for their community involvement and the great relationship created between the police department and the community. Chief Pompey also presented a Distinguished Service Award to Lieutenant

Jason Roe for doing an excellent job of managing the Police Department in the Chief's absence.

Lieutenant Roe also writes new policies, and updates policies when needed. He stated he is very proud to have Jason as his Lieutenant. His next presentation was to Tracy Tavolacci and Apryl Watson, in which he stated they are the backbone of the police department. They handle daily operations; they assist customers who have issues, or customers that need to be directed to another department. He thanked them for their patience and understanding and the fantastic job they do on a daily basis.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer read a thank you from the North Berrien Community Development for the Township donation to the BBQ and Blues festival on June 11th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Parrigin reported the roads that were projected to be sealed this summer are getting sealed at this time.

Trustee Jim Fulton stated the planning commission is working to assist Tuscan Hills in changing their development.

Treasurer Becht presented the May sewer report, in which he stated Coloma Township was the highest usage in using 4,346,100 gallons.

Trustee Mitchell reported bills of \$24,732.70 for the Fire Department which included the \$17,000.00 SAFR grant. He also stated the new fire truck delivery has been bumped back 90 days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Parrigin informed the Board the Township needs another generator to service the lift stations. The township has one but that is not sufficient to service 12 lift stations. During the storm this past week, they were just barely able to keep up with the tremendous water flow.

He asked the Board to give him permission to price some generators and bring back to the Board for review. Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Duffield, made a motion for Supervisor Parrigin to investigate prices for a new generator for the lift stations in which, if purchased, money would come out of the sewer fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. Aviles absent. 6 AYES. 1 ABSENT. MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joyce Patrick, representing her sister who lives on Rosemary Drive, asked if there was anything the Township could do to help her sister who has about 18' of water in her back yard, since the storm last week. Supervisor Parrigin stated he has been to the property and investigated the situation. He informed Mrs. Patrick there is nothing the Township could do but she might want to have an engineer look at it to see if he might find a solution.

Tony Bertuca commented if the fire truck is going to be 90 days late, in delivery, is there a clause, in the contract for late delivery. Trustee Jeff Mitchell responded there is no clause in the contract for late delivery. Tony also asked about the Special Assessment District. Trustee Jim Fulton responded the committee met with the Attorney this past week and there are still questions that need to be answered before the Public meeting on July 23rd. He stated there should be another SAD committee meeting before July 23rd.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____