

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
July 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the special meeting of the Coloma Charter Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Debra Olsen, Treasurer Lance Becht and Trustees Edward Helbling, Robert Molter, Cynthia Aviles, and Bryan Duffield. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Duffield.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Ken Sparks addressed the audience regarding the Berrien County Sheriff Department's shooting range. Mr. Sparks informed the audience the Michigan Supreme Court found that the county shooting range facility is subject to township ordinances. He stated the county has discontinued use of the outdoor shooting range pursuant to written direction of the township. He said the township board would be going into closed session to discuss a confidential written attorney client communication.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Aviles the township board go into closed session with zoning administrator Cheryl VanDrasek to review with Township Attorney Ken Sparks a confidential written attorney client communication pertaining to the Michigan Supreme Courts opinion in Herman vs. County of Berrien. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ABSENT – 0. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Aviles to resume the regular board meeting at 7:38 p.m. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ABSENT – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Sparks made a brief statement regarding the gun range and explained the ball is in Berrien County's court and it's up to them to bring a proposal before the township board. He also explained the township board is not in a position to make any decisions for or against the shooting range since we do not know what the county will request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Numerous audience members had questions and comments regarding the shooting range and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

