

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 8, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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, Jeff Mitchell, Cindy Aviles and Bryan Duffield.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Sandy Kraemer

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved May expenses totaling \$170,244.36. 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; Mitchell, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

K. C. McKay, from the Paw Paw Lake Foundation, presented an update on the Branch & Derby Drain. This drain has been an issue for many years and still remains a concern.

Rick Rasmussen and Norma Somers from, The Lake Restoration group presented a "Project Timeline" to get the Special Assessment District on the 2011 Winter Tax roll. They asked Clerk Kraemer if she knew when Coloma Township would be able to verify signatures. Clerk Kraemer could not give them a specific time due to the assessor being busy with the re-evaluation group.

Supervisor Parrigin asked if anyone had a comment regarding the Coloma Rod and Gun Settlement Offer. A number of people spoke against the settlement offer due to the fact the Coloma Rod and Gun Club had not been honest with the Township since the beginning of this issue. After everyone had their chance to speak, a motion was made by Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, as authorized by Section

8(e) and 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268; to go into closed session to consult with the Township Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy with pending litigation and to discuss a written opinion by legal counsel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED. The Board went into closed session at 7:40pm.

At 9:05pm Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to go back into opened session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

After debating whether to present the settlement agreement to the Coloma Rod & Gun Club members and their Attorney, or let the Judge settle it, the Board decided unanimously to present the settlement agreement to the Coloma Rod and Gun Club. Supervisor Parrigin gave each Board member a chance to express their feelings as to why they felt the settlement agreement was the best way to go. After the Board spoke Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion for this agreement to be presented to the Coloma Rod & Gun Club members and their Attorney. Trustee Bryan Duffield made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, to authorize the Township Attorney to present this settlement agreement, as drafted, to the Coloma Rod & Gun Club members and their Attorney. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, reminded everyone about the BBQ & Blues festival coming up on June 11, 2011 from noon to midnight.

Treasurer Becht gave the synopsis, for April, on Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Lt. Jason Roe presented the May police report. He reviewed some of the activities on the report.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell reported the Fire Department has received a \$71,000.00 "SAFR" grant designed to assist in recruiting fire fighters.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Rory Bell, acting Sanitation Supervisor, submitted a quote for a new lawn mower for the Sanitation Department. The amount is \$2,899.00, for a Troy Bilt 25 HP 50". After discussion Trustee Jeff Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Clerk Sandy Kraemer, to purchase this Troy Bilt 25 HP 50" lawn mower for the price of \$2,899.00. ROLL CALL VOTE. Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer informed the Board that Berrien County is upgrading their BS & A software and the Township needs to update to be able to use the County's tax information. The cost to the Township will be \$8,505.00 and can be paid over a 2 year period. After discussion Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Cindy Aviles, made a motion to purchase the BS & A software over a 2 year period for \$8,505.00. ROLL CALL VOTE. Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cecil Martin questioned why the Township had not mowed the grass at a home on Becht Road, in which the grass was very high and looks like no one is living in the home. Supervisor Parrigin informed him there is a procedure that is followed before the Township is allowed to mow the grass.

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Tony Bertuca asked if there was a benefit study done on the special assessment district.  
So far as we know there has not been one done.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, to adjourn the meeting at 9:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_