

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2010

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 Cynthia Aviles, Bryan Duffield, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell. Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Duffield.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved May expenses totaling \$172,294.34. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Futon, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Pscholka, candidate for 79th District State Representative, gave an update from Representative Fred Upton office. He also informed everyone he is running for 79th District State Representative and would appreciate their vote in the upcoming August 3, 2010 primary. He presented his back ground history and his experience working with Representative Fred Upton.

Alex Gates, Director of North Berrien Historical Society, presented a brochure regarding the dinosaur displays around town made by the high school students. He stated the brochures are around town and available to everyone. He also reminded everyone of the renewal millage for the NBHS coming up in the August 3rd primary.

Herb Lyn, president of the Coloma Rod & Gun Club, introduced himself then asked Katherine Ravitch to come forward and read a statement from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club. It stated they feel they are not violating any rules the Township has in place; they are only increasing the safety to the residents and safety of the facilities. There were pictures showing four new shooting ranges which have been built and therefore they do need a special permit. Supervisor Parrigin questioned Mr. Lyn as to why he had not returned the numerous calls made to him concerning the new shooting ranges, that have been built, and why Mr. Lyn did not attend the scheduled meeting between him and

other Township board members. After a lengthy discussion between the Coloma Rod and Gun Club, the Township Board, and the audience, Supervisor Parrigin stated nothing could be resolved at this meeting. He asked for approval, from the Township board, to authorize Cheryl VanDrasek, Zoning Board Administrator, with the assistance of Scott Dienes, Township Attorney, to try to continue to resolve this issue and take necessary action as needed. Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Duffield, made the motion to authorize Cheryl VanDrasek, Zoning Board Administrator, with the assistance of Scott Dienes, Township Attorney, to continue to try to resolve this issue and take necessary action as needed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes from the North Berrien Community Development reported the new colored guidebooks are finished and are at several different places around town for everyone to take. She also mentioned the dinosaurs on display around town were built by the high school students and hopes everyone has seen them.

Treasurer Becht reported the joint sewer board is reviewing and updating policies and procedures.

Officer Jason Roe presented the Police report in which he highlighted some of the activities of the report and asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Mitchell reported the approval has been received from all three municipalities to move forward to seek bids for a new fire truck.

Trustee Duffield reported the Cemetery Board is still looking for a board member to replace Ed Helbling who resigned last month. He asked if there was anyone in the audience that might be interested and someone suggested Matt Moser. Matt agreed to fill the board position and will be at the next Cemetery Board meeting. Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles, made a motion to elect Matt Moser to the

Cemetery Board. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Parrigin thanked Matt for filling this position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger presented pay estimate # 27, in the amount of \$30,082.84, payable to Balkema Excavating, Inc., for final completion of revisions. Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Fulton, made a motion to pay estimate #27, in the amount of \$30,082.84, payable to Balkema Excavating, Inc. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer George Granger stated Supervisor Parrigin had asked him to review the telephone bills and the amounts paid for monitoring the alarms at the Township's lift stations. He found five unused lines, and the four most recent stations are equipped with telephone dialers. On the 10 older stations they are serviced with point-to-point dedicated lines monitored at the Townships public works garage. He stated if the Township updated the 10 older stations with telephone dialers (like the four newer ones) the estimated conversion coast would be \$39,000.00. However, it would lower the monthly telephone bill and would be an annual savings of \$24,361.00. Supervisor Parrigin asked the board to give him permission to eliminate the five unused lines and update the 10 older stations with telephone dialers. Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield, made a motion to give Supervisor Parrigin permission to eliminate five unused lines and update the 10 older stations with telephone dialers. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #100, which are amendments to sign regulations and C-1 District. Trustee Fulton made the motion for the approval, seconded by Trustee Becht. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 101 pertaining to new zoning district, C-2 Commercial/Agricultural. Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Fulton, made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance

101. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes, Mitchell, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Rick Rasmussen asked the board to approve paying one half of a \$3,500.00 billing (\$1,750.00) for the next step in the JF New/Spicer analysis report. This would give information on zoning, parcel numbers, parcel lines, acreage, etc. Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, made a motion to pay one half of a \$3,500.00 billing (\$1,750.00) for the next step in the JF New/Spicer analysis report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____

