

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting 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, Trustees Edward Helbling, Brian Duffield and Cynthia Aviles. Absent Trustee Robert Molter. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Parrigin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported that the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$140,154.45. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Helbling to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. ONE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deanna Heminger gave a presentation regarding the Silver Beach Carousel Society. They are raising money to purchase a Coloma Comet Horse for the Carousel.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Aviles to donate \$500.00 to the Silver Beach Carousel Society for the purchase of a Coloma Comet Horse. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Bill Moser informed the board the Joint Fire Board solicited bids for a new fire truck and accepted a bid for \$262,688.00. Bids were also solicited from banks to obtain a loan for the fire truck. Chemical Bank gave the lowest interest rate of 4.34%. The loan will need to be secured through Coloma Charter Township or Hagar Township. Coloma City and Hagar Township have already approved the purchase of the fire truck.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Clerk Olsen to accept the bid for \$262,688.00 to purchase a fire truck. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Treasurer Becht to approve the funding of a fire truck at Chemical Bank at an interest rate of 4.34% for 3 years through Coloma Charter Township. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

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Clerk Olsen announced Board of Review hours and the date and time of the Budget Hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles announced the CWAEDC approved the bylaws with the addition of Bainbridge and Hagar Townships. Copies of the amended bylaws will be sent to the board.

Treasurer Becht announced the sewer board is raising the sewer rate charged to Coloma and Watervliet Townships and Coloma and Watervliet Cities 35%.
Treasurer Becht went over the 2007/2008 proposed budget.

Chief Cottier reported the police department has had a busy month and things are going smoothly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Granger announced Balkema will resume water main construction activities in mid April on Paw Paw Lake Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed a proposal for a fitness facility for the police officers and township employees. The proposal included two options. Upgrade the current facility or provide a membership to a fitness facility. The proposal was tabled for further review.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve the resolution setting the 2007/2008 Meeting Dates. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the resolution establishing the township depository approval policy. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the resolution establishing the township attorneys, auditors, engineers, legal publishers and planners. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Becker discussed an upcoming seminar on low impact development and encouraged township officials to attend.

Sarah Jollay discussed the gun range appeal status.

Mickey Swisher expressed concern regarding odor from Orchards Hill Landfill.

Moved by Trustee Aviles, Seconded by Trustee Duffield the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved: