

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor 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 bills totaling \$398,384.22. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Hettig from the “100th Coloma-Watervliet Anniversary” committee informed everyone of the upcoming 100th Coloma-Watervliet football game to be played on August 28, 2009, at Watervliet. He stated there are many festivities leading up to the big game and if anyone is interested in joining their committee they are welcome.

The dates and times for the Board of Review are as follows: March 23rd 9:00-12:00 – 2:00-5:00pm; March 24th 1:00-4:00pm – 6:00-9:00pm; March 26th 9:00-12:00 – 2:00-5:00pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the 2009 Coloma Glad-Peach Festival asking for our support was read by Clerk Kraemer. After discussion Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to contribute \$2000.00 for advertising. Trustee Aviles made the motion, seconded by Trustee Duffield. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The Coloma Emergency Medical Services requested a letter of reference and support from the Township to add to the informational packet they present to prospective municipalities, facilities and agencies. Trustee Aviles stated the letter needs to be completed and presented before the Board can approve it.

Tim O'Leary wrote a letter of concern due to his water problems and asked if there is anything the Board could do to motivate the Berrien County Road Commission asking for assistance. Supervisor Parrigin stated the Road and Drain Commission is aware of everyone's water problems and is trying to solve them as efficiently as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported North Berrien Community Development has three communities going forward and are working on their budget accordingly.

Trustee Fulton reported the Planning Commission is working on Commercial Ag and revisiting the Master Plan.

Treasurer Becht reported the Joint Sewer Board has completed their budget for approval.

Trustee Mitchell presented a Full-Time vs. Part Time Fire Chief Analysis. He recommended approval of the 2009-2010 budget and if there are any changes it can be amended. Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Becht. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, no; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, no; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. AYES-5. NAYES-2. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Duffield reported the Cemetery Board had to postpone their meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Grange did not have any pay estimates to present but recommended the Board write a press release informing property owners of the cut-off date of April 30, 2009 to be the last date to hook up to the water system.

Trustee Aviles commented the new Police Chief Randy Pompey would officially start his new position on April 13, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to appoint Jim Fulton to the Finance Committee. Trustee Duffield made the motion, Trustee Mitchell seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE. Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

A letter of proposal by Kendall's Septic & Sewer Service, Inc to clean lift stations for Coloma Township was presented. Trustee Duffield made a motion, Trustee Aviles seconded. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Aviles made a motion to approve the Resolution setting the 2009-2010 meeting dates. Trustee Duffield seconded. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Duffield made a motion to approve the Resolution for establishing the Township 2009-2010 Depository Approval Policy. Trustee Aviles seconded. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Aviles made a motion to approve the Resolution establishing the 2009-2010 Township Attorneys, Auditors, Engineers, Legal Publishers and Planners. Trustee Fulton seconded. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Becht went over the 2009-2010 Township budget. There will be a Special meeting on March 25th for finalization.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several concerned township property owners voiced their concern over the water problems and how they were being handled. Supervisor Parrigin informed them everyone's concern will be addressed and handled to the best of the Township's ability.

On questions regarding the full-time fire chief Supervisor Parrigin informed the audience we need to take a step back and regroup.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Aviles, the meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____