

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2012

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 Cindy Aviles, Jim Fulton, and Bryan Duffield. Absent Trustee Jeff Mitchell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Lance Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved February expenses totaling \$240,229.16. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda, February Board minutes, and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Fulton, yes; Duffield, yes. Absent Trustee Mitchell. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT AGENDA APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Parrigin introduced Terry Boguth, superintendent of Coloma schools, and Susie Moser, one of the co-chairmen of the School Millage, which will be voted on May 8, 2012. Superintendent Boguth presented two proposals and explained them in detail. The first proposal (1.95mills) will provide: increased security district-wide. Cost saving consolidation of buildings and resources. Realignment of all buildings to include 9th grade into high school and improve technology and transportation. The second proposal (0.80 mills) will provide renovation and expansion of current high school auditorium to enhance fine arts K-12. Terry Boguth answered questions then turned the presentation over to Susie Moser. Susie went into details of how these proposals are going to be presented to the community and the different organizations. She also answered questions and stated everyone is welcome to come to their weekly meetings on Tuesdays at the Junior High Building at 6:30pm.

The next presentation was from Cynthia Massey, asking the Township Board to reverse the late charges on her sewer billing which was not paid for over one year. She bought a home in Coloma Township on a foreclosure and wasn't told, by the Bank, of a sewer billing on the property. Clerk Kraemer informed her this happens many times on

foreclosures and most property owners come into the Township office to find out if there are any unpaid expenses on their property. The Township was sending the sewer bills to the bank that own the foreclosure and none of the billings were returned to the Township so the Township was not aware the property was purchased. After Board discussion it was decided the Board could not reverse the late charges because other property owners, who purchased foreclosed homes in the past, have paid all the fees related to their property.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from the North Berrien Community Development, stated there was a great turnout of the Municipal Leaders brunch on Friday, March 9, 2012. She thanked members of the Township Board for attending. She also reminder everyone about the upcoming St. Patrick's Lighted Night Parade that will be held on March 17, 2012, starting at 7:30 pm, and invited everyone to attend.

Treasurer Lance Becht informed everyone, the engineer stated bids are still trickling in for the next phase of updating the sewer plant and it looks like the costs will be between \$637,000.00 to \$800,000.00. He will keep the Board informed as to who will get the bid.

Chief Pompey presented the February, 2012 Police report. He highlighted some of the activities for the month. He stated there were some unusual activities this past month which includes 3 Face book threats, and 8 fraud attempts.

Tim Sewcyck, from the Fire Board, presented the Fire report. Total expenses were paid in the amount of \$24,542.64 for the month of February, 2012. The revenues were at 86% and the expenses were at 85%. The Fire Board also accepted a proposal from Gabridge Co. to perform the department's annual audit for the next three years. The Township Board was informed new meeting dates for the Fire Board has been changed from the second Tuesday of every month to the first Tuesday of every month. The new president of the Fire auxiliary is Deb DeLaTorre. Supervisor Parrigin informed the representatives, from the Fire Board, that a decision should be made on the proposal to purchase 2 fire trucks after the Township's budget has been approved. Steve Groendyk, the Coloma Township representative, asked if the Coloma Township Board needed any more information to make a decision on the two Fire Trucks. Supervisor Parrigin stated he thinks the Board has all the information they need.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer informed the Board she had called other municipalities regarding charging for Notary fees. The conclusion was they charge \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents. After discussion Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to charge Township residents \$5.00 and non-residents \$10.00. Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to charge Township residents \$5.00 and non-residents \$10.00. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for an approval of Resolution 2012/13 #1, to set the 2012/13 regular meeting dates. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Cindy Aviles, made a motion to approve Resolution # 2012/13 #1, to set the 2012/13 regular meeting dates. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for an approval of Resolution 2012/13 #2, appointment of Township Attorneys, Auditors, Engineers, Legal Publishers, Banks and Planners. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Treasurer Lance Becht, made a motion to approve Resolution 2012/13 #2, appointment of Township Attorneys, Auditors, Engineers, Legal Publishers, Banks, and Planners. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to set a date for the Budget Hearing and Truth in Taxation. After Board discussion Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to set the date of March 21, 2012, at 7:00pm at the Township hall for the Budget Hearing and Truth in Taxation. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Ken Parrigin asked if any Township officials would like to participate in the St. Patrick's Lighted Night Parade. A few members stated they would so Supervisor Parrigin asked those interested to meet at the Fire Station on Saturday of the Parade.

Supervisor Parrigin stated there was a letter in the Board packets from Rory Bell, Ordinance Officer, concerning a couple Fire lanes that were in-active. Mr. Bell suggested the Township sell these Fire lanes and put the monies into the General Fund of the Township. After Board discussion it was decided to table this until Trustee Jim Fulton and Treasurer Lance Becht inspected them. Supervisor Parrigin asked Trustee Fulton and Treasurer Becht to bring their information back to the April, 2012 regular Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____