

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 12, 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 April expenses totaling \$260,099.40. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. APPROVED

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter received from the Coloma American Legion Auxiliary asking permission to sell Poppies on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion regarding this correspondence. Treasurer Becht made the motion, seconded by Trustee Aviles, to approve Coloma American Legion Auxiliary selling Poppies on the above dates. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION APPROVED.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported the Personnel Committee is in the finalization of completing the Non-Union employee handbook.

Trustee Aviles referred the North Berrien Community Development report to Chana Kniebes. Chana reported there was a ribbon cutting for the opening of a new bookstore in downtown Coloma called "Lakeside Books". She stated they have a wide range of books and encouraged everyone to stop in to take a look.

Trustee Fulton reported the Planning Commission has a revised Sign Ordinance which is under new business in this report.

Treasurer Becht reported the joint sewer board will be meeting tomorrow night to approve a USDA application for a grant/loan for upgrading the sewer plant.

Chief Pompey presented his Police report in which he highlighted some of the activities of the report. He also informed the audience if anyone would like a copy of this report they could receive one by calling his office.

Trustee Mitchell reported the Fire Board is asking the Coloma Township board for approval to start the bidding process for a new Fire Truck. There is no cost involved to get bids from several companies. Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve the bidding process. Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Becht, to approve the bidding process. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES.  
MOTION APPROVED.

Trustee Duffield reported the Cemetery Board received a letter of resignation from member Ed Helbling. The Board approved it, with regret, and thanked Ed for his years of service. Supervisor Parrigin stated there now is a vacancy on this Board and if anyone is interested in fulfilling it please let him know. The Township will send a thank you to Ed for his years of service.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger reported flow control valves are in place waiting for AEP to connect the power to them. He stated due to the Township tower being higher than the City tower it was necessary for the valves to be installed. He also presented pay estimate #19, to Scott Taylor Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$9,955.55. This was work done in the month of April to complete the final connections for some residents. Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Fulton, made a motion to pay estimate #19, in the amount of \$9,955.55, to Scott Taylor Excavating, Inc. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer presented Resolution # 2010/11-3 for approval regarding General Operating Services (.50 mills for township wide leaf pickup and Spring/Fall dump passes) to be placed on the August 3, 2010 primary election ballot. Treasurer Becht made a motion, seconded by Clerk Kraemer, to approve Resolution #2010/11-3. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Kraemer presented Resolution #2010/11-4 for approval regarding the North Berrien Historical Society Millage Renewal Proposal (.25 mills) for the August 3, 2010 primary election ballot. Trustee Aviles made a motion, supported by Trustee Mitchell, to approve Resolution #2010/11-4. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Kraemer asked for a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #100 amending the Coloma Charter Township Zoning Ordinance in regard to signage requirements and special land uses in the Township. Trustee Fulton made the motion, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to accept the first reading of Ordinance #100. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sarah Jollay, township business owner and resident, addressed the audience regarding concerns over the Coloma Rod & Gun Club and the frequent excessive noise. She stated they are not in compliance with the Coloma Township Zoning Ordinance regarding increasing a non-conforming use by adding the new firing lanes. They must apply for and be granted a “special land use permit” in order to expand the land use. Sarah cited Michigan Case Law on this type of expansion.

Ed Czuba, township resident, stated he was on his tractor, using headphones, trying to listen to music but couldn't hear the music due to the excessive noise from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club.

Pat Spaulding, township resident, commented she thought the shooting range was a dead issue since it was voted down by the Supreme Court. She stated we need to think about our community and keep it safe.

Tony Peterson, township business owner, stated he has noticed an increase of excessive noise coming from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club. He is concerned when his customers sit out on his patio, during the summer months, they will be frightened and not return to his place of business.

Carla Bragg, city resident, boards her horse on Park Road, in Coloma Township, and is concerned when riding her horse he will become frightened by the excessive noise coming from the Coloma Road & Gun Club.

Harold Bragg, city resident, made a statement “There is no right way to do something wrong”. His concern was also about the excessive noise from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club.

Joan Smith, township resident, voiced her concern regarding the excessive loud noise coming from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club.

Paul Friday, township resident, stated he has Russian workers and has issues translating to them concerning the excessive noise from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club.

Jerry Jollay, township resident, stated the President of the Coloma Rod & Gun Club resides in the St. Joseph area so he probably doesn't hear the noise that comes from the Coloma Rod & Gun Club.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Aviles, the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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