

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm 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 Aviles.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$283,715.98. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Fulton 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

Clerk Kraemer announced Landfill passes are still available at the Township hall and are valid through May 18, 2009.

Clerk Kraemer announced Balkema will start yard repair/ clean-up next week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer stated a letter was received from the American Legion asking for permission to sell Poppies on May 21, 22, and 23, 2009 and asked for motion to approve this. Trustee Aviles made the motion, Trustee Mitchell seconded it. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Futon, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

A letter was received from the Coloma/Hagar Little League Association requesting support for the youth of our community by making a donation to their organization. Clerk Kraemer stated in the past the Township donated \$500.00 and asked for a motion of support. Trustee Fulton made the motion, seconded by Clerk Kraemer. ROLL

CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles informed the Board a personnel packet was received from Attorney Keith Brodie and would like the Board to look over their packet then set up a work shop to have Attorney Brodie review it with the entire Board. Supervisor Parrigin will contact Attorney Brodie to set up a date for the work shop.

Trustee Aviles asked Chana Kniebes, Office Manager, to report on North Berrien Community Development. Chana stated the annual NBCD golf outing is scheduled for June 5, 2009 and there are still spots available to sign up your team. She also announced the Coloma Watervliet Chamber is selling raffle tickets for a 2009 motorcycle and tickets are available at the Chamber office.

Trustee Fulton reported the Planning Commission met with Williams & Works to start reviewing the Master Plan. Suggestion was made they review ordinances and update if needed.

Police Chief Randy Pompey presented the Police report and reviewed some of the incidents that occurred. He stated there are counterfeit twenty dollar bills in the area and to be aware when exchanging money.

Supervisor Parrigin reported the base coat is about to be applied to the Friday Road project.

Treasurer Becht reported the Sewer Board has purchased a new mower and is prioritizing a "to do" list.

Trustee Mitchell presented a written ordinance to require the payment of certain fire and emergency response costs by the responsible party along with a fee schedule for approval by the Board. After discussion from the audience and the Board both were tabled and ask for clarification from the Attorney due to the wording of the ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger presented pay estimate #15 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$81,869.20, for water service connections for the months of December, 2008 through April, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approved pay estimate # 15 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$81,869.20. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED

Engineer George Granger presented a letter for funding water and sewer projects. There are three projects for the Board's consideration which have been discussed in the past but this letter is the compilation for information regarding the costs and financial impacts. The three projects are Morningaire-Weatherly sanitary sewer, Shore Drive water main extension, and Newton Avenue water main extension. A copy of the letter is on file at the Township hall office if residents would like a copy. He also presented another letter which assessed rates, or benefits fees, for water and sewer projects. He stated the matter was approached from two avenues: current construction costs and a survey of rates established in other townships in the area. This letter is also on file at the Township hall office if residents would like a copy. After a lengthy discussion of these projects Engineer Granger will put together a proposal, meet with the home owners in the projects affected, and bring it back to the Board for approval.

The Green Machine Leaf Pickup Company presented a proposal to the Board for leaf pickup in the Fall, 2009 and Spring, 2010. A three man crew will pick up leaves four weeks in the Fall and one week in the Spring not to exceed \$23,500.00. After discussion Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve the proposal. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident on Becht Road commented on water problem and stated it has continued to worsen over the last several years. Supervisor Parrigin addressed the problem stating some driveway tubes are plugged and with all the rain, water level is at an all time high this year.

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Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting adjourned at 8:57pm..

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____