

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

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, Jim Fulton, and Jeff Mitchell. Absent: Bryan Duffield
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 October expenses totaling \$311,373.63. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Clerk Kraemer to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Howell, property owner at 6615 E. Center Street, addressed the board regarding Ordinance # 68 "Hawkers, Peddlers, and Solicitors". He questioned why there were people selling flowers out of their vehicles at the corner across the street from McDonald's restaurant. Supervisor Parrigin replied the Township would look into it.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported the Personnel committee along with Atty. Brodie had met with a couple of the non-union employees to get information and will continue the meetings in an effort to get an updated handbook for them.

Trustee Aviles asked Chana from the North Berrien Community Develop to report for this committee. Chana announced the Halloween party in the Park went better than expected with about 1200 to 1300 children in attendance. She thanked the Coloma Police Department for sponsoring the party along with the NBCD. There are already plans in the works for next year. She also announced the upcoming informational meetings on November 17, 2009 at 10:00am and 6:00pm, on Crime/Fraud Prevention, at Coloma Township Hall which the public is invited.

Supervisor Parrigin reported there was a Road Committee meeting regarding plans for 2010. He stated Becht Road, Walnut Street, Lake Street, and Benson Terrace will be top-coated next year along with possibly a few others. In addition ditches and drains that are problematic will be taken care of also.

Trustee Fulton stated the Planning Commission approved the request from Carlos Stockwell, owner of Sparkle Car Wash, for a Planned Unit Development so he can expand the Car Wash and add Mini Storage Units and under new business will ask for approval from the board.

Chief Pompey presented his Police report and added he thought the Halloween party was successful and pleased with his department in doing an excellent job.

Trustee Mitchell stated bills paid by the North Berrien Fire Rescue was around \$22,000.00. He stated the fire trucks were serviced and the first draft of 2010 budget was done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger

Engineer George Granger informed the board the water hook-ups and well abandonments have resumed. He stated there is a sewer petition being circulated by property owners on Weatherly Drive to get hooked up. He also asked the board for approval so Atty. Dienes, Supervisor Parrigin, and himself can continue workout on the assessment district. Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Becht, to approve Atty. Dienes, Supervisor Parrigin, and Engineer Granger to continue workout on assessment district. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin had complaints regarding the leaf pick-ups at 1:00 in the morning. A representative from the Leaf Company apologized and stated that will no longer be a problem. In the beginning they were overwhelmed with leaves but going forward the leaf pick-up times will be from 7:00am to 10:00pm.

Supervisor Parrigin informed the board of a State Tax issue but it is being addressed and the problem will be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Fulton made a motion, seconded by Trustee Aviles, to approve the proposed Planned Unit Development for Carlos Stockwell, owner of Sparkle Car Wash so he can expand the Car Wash and add Mini Storage Unites. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CALLED.

Tina Buck, owner of The Chocolate Garden, requested approval for a larger sign to be placed at the same site as an existing sign. After board discussion it was recommended the request go to the planning committee for approval. Trustee Aviles stated in order for the sign to go up immediately, if approved by the planning commission, the board could make the approval pending the approval of the planning commission. With that said Trustee Aviles made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, for The Chocolate Garden to place a larger sign, at the same site of the existing sign, if approved by the planning commission. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. NAYES-0. MOTION CARRIED.

The former Watervliet City Manager had asked the four municipalities, Coloma City, Watervliet City, Coloma Township, and Watervliet Township to discuss a Recreation Plan for the area. Supervisor Parrigin asked Mayor Polashak if he had heard any more about it. Mayor Polashak stated he had not heard anything. Due to lack of information it was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Rasmussen reported six people, including members of the Paw Paw Lake Advisory Committee, attended a workshop regarding "Special Assessment District for

Lake Improvements”. After attending the workshop he felt the advisory committee is proceeding the right direction.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____