

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, Coloma, Michigan. Present for the Township: Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Debra Olsen, Treasurer Lance Becht, Trustees Edward Helbling, Bryan Duffield, and Robert Molter. Absent Trustee Cynthia Aviles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Olsen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee approved bills totaling \$320,972.98. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Olsen announced the board received an invitation from the North Berrien Historical Museum to the Carter Gallery Opening.

CORRESPONDENCE

The board received a letter from the Paw Paw Lake Foundation requesting the township consider a fall leaf pick-up. Trustee Molter stated it would be cost prohibitive for the township to consider doing alone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Parrigin announced Curtis Drive has been paved.

Trustee Duffield announced the planning commission is working on updating the townships master plan.

Treasurer Becht announced the sewer board extended a 1 year contract to an employee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger reported almost 200 wells have been capped. 70 wells were capped last month.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #3 from Maurer & Parks Well Drilling for well abandonment's for the month of September in the amount of \$29,374.50. Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve pay estimate #3 to Maurer & Parks Well Drilling in the amount of \$29,374.50. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Duffield, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #4 from Scott Taylor Excavating, Inc. for water service connections for the month of September in the amount of \$18,978.52. Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve pay estimate #4 to Scott Taylor Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$18,978.52. ROLL CALL VOTE: Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT - 1. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger reported Balkema Construction is getting ready to resume construction activity.

Residents of Clark, Cherry and High Streets reported various problems since the water main was put in. Supervisor Parrigin said he will look into the problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #96 to rezone the 60 acre parcel of land located at 6274 N. Coloma Road from AG-P Primary Agricultural to AG-T Agricultural Transitional/Residential. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Resolution and Participation Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Becht discussed increasing sewer rates. The cost to the township has increased significantly over the past year.

Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Molter to increase sewer rates \$5.75 per month and to revisit the rates in March 2008. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin announced the Fitz property needs to be addressed. The township does not have easement rights and has boxed the property in. A committee made up of Trustee Molter, Trustee Duffield and Clerk Olsen was formed to investigate purchasing the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved: