

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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, Robert Molter, Cynthia Aviles and Bryan Duffield.

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 bills totaling \$271,540.54. Moved by Treasurer Becht, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Kevin O'Dowd from the law firm of Dickinson Wright, PLLC announced the township has reached a tentative settlement regarding building deficiencies and the board will be going into closed session per the open meetings act to discuss the pending litigation and settlement.

Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield moved to enter into closed session per the open meetings act to discuss a matter of pending litigation and settlement regarding building deficiencies. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Motler, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield moved to resume the regular board meeting at 7:20 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motler, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Olsen, seconded by Trustee Aviles moved to recommend the board approve the settlement agreement between Coloma Charter Township, Wightman & Associates, Inc. and Fiskars, Inc. per the memorandum of settlement that was signed today. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Olsen announced Fall Clean Up will be October 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Parrigin announced he is working with a company to provide fall leaf pick-up in the township.

Alex Gates gave an update on the happenings at the North Berrien Historical Society. He reported they had 2,800 visitors in the last fiscal year. They will be hiring a part-time education coordinator. They have had a variety of exhibits that have been very successful.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Olsen announced the personnel committee has begun union negotiations with the Police Officers Labor Council.

Trustee Duffield reported the planning commission will be having a meeting in October to consider a re-zoning request.

Treasurer Becht announced the sewer board will be discussing the development of a performance evaluation for the superintendent.

Supervisor Parrigin announced Police Chief Cottier will be retiring October 31<sup>st</sup> after 36 years of service to the township.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #12 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$42,037.82 for water service connections made in the month of September.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Helbling to approve pay estimate #12 from Scott W. Taylor Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$42,037.82. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #7 from Maguire Iron, Inc in the amount of \$131,791.24 for elevated water storage improvements for the month of September 2008. He also announced the water tower is completed and will be filled with water and tested in the next couple of weeks.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Treasurer Becht to approve pay estimate #7 from Maguire Iron, Inc in the amount of \$131,791.24. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #19 from Balkema Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$166,938.91 for water main work in the month of September 2008.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve pay estimate #19 in the amount of \$166,938.91 from Balkema Excavating, Inc. for the month of September 2008. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Tracy O'Hare of 6864 Cherry St. asked when her yard was going to be restored. Engineer Granger said the restoration is now part of the road commissions paving project.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Olsen announced the election inspectors who have been appointed to work the November General Election.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve a special land use permit on vacant property located at property code 11-08-0032-0010-00-6. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Jurenka of Lakewood Dr. thanked Supervisor Parrigin for the fall leaf pick-up being offered. He also asked the board if they would consider giving a letter of support to the County of Berrien for the approval of a county wide ordinance banning the use of phosphorous. Supervisor Parrigin told him to give him the information and he would review it.

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Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Olsen, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

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Date Approved: