

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 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, Trustees Edward Helbling, Bryan Duffield, Cynthia Aviles and Robert Molter. Absent Treasurer Lance Becht. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Olsen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Aviles presented the consent agenda. Trustee Aviles reported the finance committee met and approved bills totaling \$195,030.34. Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the consent agenda and finance report. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Aviles reported the North Berrien Community Development is moving ahead with strategic planning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineer George Granger reported Scott Taylor was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions regarding water connections.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #3 from Scott Taylor Excavating, Inc. for water service connections in the amount of \$46,581.81. Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Duffield to approve pay estimate #3 to Scott Taylor Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$46,581.81. ROLL CALL VOTE: Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes. ABSENT - 1. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Granger presented pay estimate #2 from Maurer & Parks Well Drilling for well abandonment's from August 2, 2007 through September 5, 2007 in the amount of \$121,875.40. Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Helbling to approve pay estimate #2 to Maurer & Parks Well Drilling in the amount of \$121,875.40. ROLL CALL VOTE: Molter, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes. ABSENT - 1. NAYES - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed a rezoning request from Don and Bob Myers regarding property located at 6274 N. Coloma Road from AG-P Primary Agricultural to AG-T Agricultural Transitional/Residential. Neighbors to the subject property expressed concern over future development of the land. Zoning Administrator Cheryl VanDrasek explained the land can be split into 11 parcels under either zoning classification. It could be subject to a Planned Unit Development if zoned Agricultural Transitional/Residential. The board felt it should be the property owners decision regarding splitting and selling their property.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles to approve the rezoning request for property located at 6274 N. Coloma Road from AG-P Primary Agricultural to AG-T Agricultural Transitional/Residential. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Duffield, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve a special land use permit for Carlos Stockwell for property located at 6964 Red Arrow Highway. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Helbling, seconded by Trustee Molter to approve the resolution authorizing the Coloma Charter Township Police Department to finalize and ratify a new labor agreement with the Coloma Charter Township Police Sergeants. ROLL CALL VOTE: Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Parrigin, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Olsen explained the police officers receive up to \$300.00 per year reimbursement for tuition and books for classes. The office staff would like this same benefit. Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Duffield to reimburse up to \$300.00 per year for tuition and books for course work reasonably related to employment. The employee must obtain a grade of at least “C” or other designation such as “Satisfactory”. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Helbling to approve resolution #2007-08 #7 authorizing the Coloma Charter Township board to finance a new fire truck in the amount of \$128,123.28 from Chemical Bank on behalf of the City of Coloma and Coloma Charter Township. The board also authorizes Supervisor Kenneth Parrigin, Clerk Debra Olsen or Treasurer Lance Becht to sign for the loan through Chemical Bank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Helbling, yes; Molter, yes; Parrigin, yes; Olsen, yes; Aviles, yes. ABSENT – 1. NAYES – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed hosting a fall clean-up. Trustee Aviles stated she believes it's a good idea to help keep garbage out of the township. Moved by Trustee Aviles, seconded by Trustee Helbling to have a fall clean-up from September 28 through October 8. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin announced sewer rates need to be raised because the township is losing money on the sewer. A committee made up of Supervisor Parrigin, Treasurer Becht and Trustee Molter was established to address the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Jurenka requested the township become more involved in storm drain management issues with the drain commission. He also requested the board look into having a fall leaf collection in the township. Supervisor Parrigin said he will look into both issues.

Kelly Gage at 5626 Interlocken Road stated he has problems with water in his basement resulting from the water main and he also has rust problems in his water. Engineer Granger will address the problems.

John and Mrs. O'Hare at 6846 Cherry Road stated they have blacktop crumbling, a section of lawn washed out and the entire yard has not been reseeded after the water main was put in. Engineer Granger will address the problems

Donna Brownfield at 6965 Cherry Street has no water as her well went bad and she is not allowed to put in a new well. She can not hook up to city water because the water main has not been laid at her address yet. She is currently using a hose connected to the neighbors for water. Engineer Granger is aware of the problem and stated the company laying the water lines should be starting in two weeks and will make her a priority.

Larry Eastman on Defield Road said he has no water pressure and rusty water. Engineer Granger will look at the water pump as ask the city to flush the water system.

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Josh Reiker at 4944 Paw Paw Lake Road said his restoration was not done well. The driveway was not properly graveled, not enough grass seed was laid and his lawn was never hydro seeded. Engineer Granger will look into the problems.

Charles Wright from Weightman and Associates expressed concern over the lack of progress in laying water main to West Shore Town Homes. Supervisor Parrigin stated he is aware of the problem and will address it.

Rocky Bertuka addressed the board regarding the promotion of Coloma Businesses. He is starting a program to encourage Coloma City and Coloma Township to work together in promoting businesses in the area.

Moved by Trustee Molter, seconded by Trustee Helbling the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Olsen, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved: