

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2011

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 Jim Fulton, Bryan Duffield, Cindy Aviles, and Jeff Mitchell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Jim Fulton.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Becht presented the consent agenda. Treasurer Becht reported the finance committee met and approved August expenses totaling \$200,711.58. Moved by Treasurer Lance Becht, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, to approve the consent agenda and finance report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Duffield, yes; Aviles, yes; Mitchell, yes. ALL AYES. APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Parrigin informed everyone the Board was going to go into closed session with Attorney Brodie to discuss the Police Contract. He asked for a motion to go into closed session. Clerk Kraemer, seconded by Trustee Jim Fulton, stated as authorized by Section 8(c) and 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268, I move that we go into a closed session to consult with the Township Attorney regarding the recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council for the Non-Supervisory unit of the Coloma Township Police Department and to discuss Senate bill 7. ROLL CALL VOTE: Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:40pm Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion from the Board to go into open session. Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Bryan Duffield, made a motion for the Board to go into open session. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve the 3 year Police contract, from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014. Trustee Cindy Aviles, seconded by Trustee Jeff Mitchell, made a motion to approve the 3 year Police contract, from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Chief Jim Spiegel presented a review of the millage passed in November, 2010 to replace aging fire vehicles. He stated time is not on our side "time has taken its toll on the North Berrien Fire Rescue Fleet" and would like the Township Board to review the timing of delivery for new vehicles. He presented a packet to the Township Board regarding borrowing the money since interest rates are low. To review the current situation the Fire Board requested Chemical Bank, its banking partner, to assist in providing a financial review of the replacement of the 30 year old tanker truck and the 26 year old rural fire pumper truck. Manfred Walgram, Vice President, of Chemical Bank provided a letter of the analysis based on interest rate assumptions. After Chief Spiegel's presentation Supervisor Parrigin asked the Township Board if there were any questions. Trustee Jim Fulton stated the Board had just received this packet and felt more time was needed to review the packet. He asked if we could table this at least 30 days. The Board was in agreement to table this until the next Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Kraemer stated a letter had been received from the Knights of Columbus asking permission to hold their annual "Tootsie Roll" drive, on October 7 through October 9, 2011, in Coloma Township. After discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" drive. Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Bryan Duffield, made a motion for the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual "Tootsie Roll" drive on October 7 through October 9, 2011. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development announced there will be a Community Halloween party on October 29, 2011, from 3:00pm until 5:00pm at Baker Park. The children can dress up in their costumes and the Coloma Township Police officers will be on hand to help pass out grilled hot dogs, chips, cupcakes, candy, and beverages free of charge.

Baker Park will be decorated as well as the parking lot behind City Hall which will have supervised games for the children. Chana also announced there is an afterhour for two new businesses opening on Badt Drive in Coloma. American Homes Real Estate and Fresh Water Coffee House will host this afterhours on October 13, 2011 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Supervisor Parrigin reported Berrien County Road Commission has Coloma North Road almost completed.

Treasurer Becht presented the July, 2011 and August, 2011 summary for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He reported new roofs on B and C buildings. A new furnace was installed in B and C buildings in August. The Sewer Board received good reports from the DEQ inspection of the plant lab. The plant is in compliance.

Trustee Jim Fulton reported the Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 16, 2011 on a Special Land Use Permit request from Noah Alkhmoor, 6709 Little Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, Mi. 49038. The Planning Commission voted to recommend to the Coloma Township Board that they approve the Special Land Use Permit, with restrictions. After discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve the Special Land Use Permit with restrictions. Trustee Jim Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the Special Land Use Permit at 6709 Little Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma Mi. with restrictions. ROLL CALL VOTE: Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Pompey presented the August, 2011 Coloma Twp. Police report. He highlighted some of the activities for the month and asked if anyone had any questions. He also stated the Police Department would like to transfer the 2007 Chevrolet vehicle to the Ordinance Officer and purchase a new 2012 Dodge Charger for the Police Department. Chief Pompey stated this car would come out of the Police budget. After discussion Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to purchase a 2012 Dodge Charger at the cost of \$32,994.00. Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Aviles, made a motion for the Police department to purchase a 2012 Dodge Charger at the cost of \$32,994.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes; Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Jeff Mitchell stated Fire Chief Spiegel had taken care of most of his report. He did report there were 28 fire calls for August and they were at 57% of their budget. He also stated the Fire department Ladies' Auxiliary will hold an Arts and Craft show at the Fire station on October 15, 2011, from 10:00am to 3:00pm and everyone is invited.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported all is quite regarding the Cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Kraemer reported there was a second Public Hearing of the Special Assessment District held on August 30, 2011. Supervisor Parrigin indicated the Coloma Charter Township would address Special Assessment District Resolution 4 at their next regular meeting on September 14, 2011. Supervisor Parrigin asked for a motion to approve SAD Resolution 4. Trustee Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve Special Assessment District Resolution 4. ROLL CALL VOTE. Kraemer, yes; Aviles, yes; Duffield, yes; Mitchell, yes; Fulton, yes; Becht, yes; Parrigin, yes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Parrigin acknowledged a letter from Lorriane Pater was received at the Township.

Mr. Tom King has issues on the King/Strong drain. After a lengthy discussion Supervisor Parrigin informed Mr. King Coloma Township has no control on the County drains and he would have to speak to Roger Zielke, Berrien County Drain Commissioner.

Berrien County Commissioner Robert Wooley announced to everyone there is a vacancy on the Berrien County Road Commission from area designated as District 1 which includes people that reside in Hagar Twp, Coloma Twp, Watervliet Twp,

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Pipestone Twp and Bainbridge Twp. If you are interested in serving on the Road Commission Board please contact Berrien County Adm office for an application.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Cindy Aviles, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Kraemer, Clerk

Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date Approved _____