

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 16, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Commissioner Phil Duckham and Ryan Beal.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to add a discussion regarding the updating of the Township Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Motion carried. Agenda approved as amended. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Consent Agenda was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables totaling the amount of \$254,045.24 was made by Trustee Tackett. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on a proposed Personnel policy regarding employee longevity and annual compensation. There was also discussion on efforts to update the Township Master Plan.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the Assessors recommendation regarding land division and combination fees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to adopt the MERS health Care savings program for the Union Police officers. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the proposed option #1 for Consumers Energy street lighting. Clerk Marsh raised the issue of Jefferson Road lights not being extended closer to the center of the road as was expected. The Board unanimously agreed to request that Consumers Energy install the extended arms where applicable on Jefferson Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve a warranty for the Lucas device donated by the Columbia Township Firemen's Club. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve a bid with JK of Michigan for (SAW GRANT) sanitary system facilities improvements. The motion was

seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve construction phase engineering services as presented (including the budgetary numbers provided by the Controller). The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve an Alternate appointment of Michael Duckham to the ZBA. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was additional public comment from resident Jan Knutson and Village Manager Jae Guetschow.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township