

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 16, 2017 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, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment from resident Dennis Neely.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$122,139.78 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the police report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the fire report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**SEWER REPORT:** Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the following items; Sewer rates were discussed. The necessity of a sewer rate increase was explained. Proposed increase to be an action item at the next monthly Board meeting. The Township Controller provided another power point presentation regarding the status of the Township sewer funds.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Police department staffing request. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all – Except Trustee Deland. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the School Tax collection agreement for the JCISD. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to renew the liability insurance coverage with EMC Companies. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to renew the Township membership in the Raisin River Watershed Council. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to re-appoint John Calhoun as our Delegate and Flip Reynolds as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Fire Chief's request to have Rescue 2 repaired/"bulletproofed" for the approximate amount of \$13,000 with the understanding if the cost is greater

than that, Supervisor Elrod can authorize an additional \$5,000 should it become necessary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all – Except Elrod. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Fire Chief’s request to appoint Danny Miller as a Cadet. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies - MDOT. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to renew the O&M agreement with the Village of Brooklyn. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. After discussion, a motion was made by Clerk Marsh to table the Contracts for Lighting District to allow time for research of lights as suggested by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the \$39,500 purchase request from the Brooklyn DPW for Flygt Retrofit kits for Clark Lake. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod has asked the DPW to prepare more information on quotes for sewer generator maintenance. This is expected to be addressed at the February 20, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Supervisor’s request to re-appoint Bryon Gough, John Messimer and Richard Schiel to the Board of Review. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to renew the Township membership with the Region 2 Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no additional public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township