

REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 16, 2016 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, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from the following people; County Commissioner Phil Duckham, MIS representatives, Josh Burgett and Craig Hatch, Jackson County Treasurer Karen Coffman, resident Michael Consonni and Joe Dunigan from the Pointe Bar & Grill.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to move the Fire report to the Consent Agenda. Clerk Marsh then announced to the Board that Shawn Lutz would be leaving the office this Friday, May 20, 2016 to end his term as Chief of the Department and that Shawn will continue to be paid for his vacation hours. And that the Board and Personnel agreed that Shawn would travel to South Dakota, with Chief Scott Cota to act as an advisor, if needed by the new Chief. Trustee Reynolds made another motion to move the Fire report to the Consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Elrod requested that a closed session be added to the agenda based on the recommendation of the Township's outside legal counsel. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to add a closed session at the end of the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$413,821.08 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the Controller's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the police report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Moved to the Consent agenda.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the sewer report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items; The request by Supervisor Elrod to refund \$37,514.32 to the effected commercial users.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. Supervisor Elrod discussed the topic of Riparian Rights and the possibilities of hiring an additional Township attorney to review the topic. No action was taken. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the revised Personnel Policy & Procedure Manual. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to adopt the Resolution for Right of 1st Refusal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Deland, Reynolds, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. Motion carried. Resolution adopted. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the Part time staffing request for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to table the request for Parking lot maintenance was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes – Reynolds and Elrod. Nays: Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Deland. Motion failed. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve request for parking lot maintenance as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all – Except Elrod. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to table the MIS fire services agreement until revised language can be presented that had been approved by Township legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to go into closed session to consult with Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of this public body. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a roll call vote: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 8:21pm. At 8:50pm, a motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Deland, Reynolds and Elrod. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Deland, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township