

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 18, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 18, 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, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$158,898.97 was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items;

There was an update from PLM regarding the Invasive Species Special Assessment District at Clark Lake. Township Controller, Heather McCutcheon outlined the status of sewer funds and projected shortfalls. There was also discussion on the current retirement fund administration / management. This matter is to be discussed at the October meeting. Supervisor Elrod mentioned that a large portion of a proposed sewer litigation update was covered when Commissioner Duckham provided a County update at the start of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items: Nancy Barton from Willis & Jurasek provided an overview of the Township's annual Audit. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Audit report. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the conditional use permit for 8024 Jefferson Road. There was discussion on whether this request included Site plan approval and the unanimous consensus of the Board was that the motion was to approve the conditional use permit alone. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all – Except Calhoun. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the refunds for 205 Nottingham Drive as presented. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the proposed CMS Franchise Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all – Except Elrod (who asked to refrain from voting as he is a Consumers retiree. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve possible tree work at the Carey road Township cemetery and to allow the Clerk to arrange for additional cleanup for the same agreed upon price as part of a revision of scope of work with the possibility that the JCRC may remove one of proposed trees in the right of way. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve Supervisor Elrod's request for the Planning Commission change of appointment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the telephone system proposal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

Under Final Board Comment, Treasurer Calhoun provided the Board an update on the status of recent hire, Stephanie Willhite. John reported that Stephanie had progressed to the point that he officially designated her as his Deputy Treasurer in line with the action that the Board took at the May 15, 2017 meeting to hire Stephanie and provide for the standard 90 day probationary period. The unanimous consensus of Board members present indicated that the Board was pleased with this update and looking forward to Stephanie's continued good work.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township