

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 18, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Supervisor Elrod asked for a moment of silence regarding the recent death of Loretto Baker, Former Township Trustee and Clerk.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Deland, Elrod.
Absent: Raczkowski

Treasurer Calhoun stated that Trustee Raczkowski was in Boston helping State Senator Scott Brown in his efforts to win the special election for the United States Senate seat in Massachusetts.

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave an overview from the County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. A motion by Reynolds to approve the agenda, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A motion by Beamish to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payable by Calhoun, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

ASSESSORS REPORT: On the Consent Agenda

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Fire Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Beamish, seconded by Marsh to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following item; Treasurer Calhoun updated the Board that the Tax Collection Agreements with local school districts will need to be renewed and consideration should be given to the expenses in software upgrade and who should cover that cost.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Reynolds to approve the agreement with Jackson Community Ambulance, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried. Motion by Beamish to adopt Rules of Order for the Columbia Township Board of Trustees, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Beamish to approve the Budget Amendments, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Reynolds wanted to acknowledge Matt Schepeler for donating his book “Can I get a Witness” for use by inmates in Jackson. Treasurer Calhoun suggested that we establish a committee to look at options regarding the sewer bond debt. It would be beneficial to have representatives that use the sewer system. Supervisor Elrod stated that the Township will be seeking a replacement on the Planning Commission with an emphasis on someone with a farming background, and that the Heart of the Lakes Recreation Commission is seeking a donation of \$300, which would come from the 5% pay that the Executive Committee gives back. Supervisor Elrod also mentioned that the Personnel Committee will return to the Board for the February meeting a recommendation to adjust the office hours. Trustee Beamish suggested that we ask the Exponent to mention this in the Editorial Comments portion of the newspaper and maybe get some input from residents.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Calhoun, seconded by Deland. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township