

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 19, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were public comments.

Motion by Calhoun to add the bubbler issue to the agenda for discussion only. Seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Calhoun to add item G. Sewer Pump Repair to agenda. Seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve consent agenda by Calhoun. Seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Deland to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: On the consent agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Raczkowski to approve the amendment to Ordinance #56 as written with the caveat that we can revisit the overall ordinance again, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Beamish to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Steve McLear as the new Zoning Enforcement Officer, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

An update was given on the Construction of the Township Hall. No vote was necessary as this was for information only.

The recent findings and information from the Jackson County Road Commission regarding docks at road ends was discussed. No vote was necessary as this was for information only.

The Columbia Township request for Stimulus funds was discussed. No vote was necessary as this was for information only.

Motion by Calhoun to approve Supervisor Elrod's request for \$11,355.40 to be paid to the Leoni DPW, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Marsh to refer the Bubbler concerns to the Township attorney to see if we have the authority to pass an ordinance, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion by Deland, seconded by Beamish to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$20,468.38 and the Clark Lake Sewer Fund for \$4,067.46 and the Vineyard Lake Sewer Department \$2,087.89. Bills paid as prior: Payroll for December 26, 2008 and January 9, 2009 pay Periods, \$65,104.71. And \$12,729.38 for the General Fund. And \$117,991.10 for Sewer Fund. And \$23,397.94 for the Vineyard Lake Sewer Fund. And \$19,209.82 for the Current Tax fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: More public comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Deland to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township