

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds and Elrod.

Trustee Deland was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Senator Bruce Caswell.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$143,202.08 was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive And file the report from the Controller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent agenda.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Assessor. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion by the Board on the following matters; Board room Improvements – Supervisor Elrod will present a report at the February 2013 meeting for updating the carpeting and a policy for the usage of the Township Board room. John Zang from Leoni Township answered questions regarding the Leoni proposed rate increase. Treasurer Calhoun updated that Board on the Special Meeting to be held on January 29, 2013 at the Columbia Central High School auditorium to address the shortages of the Vineyard Lake Common Fund. There was discussion on possible park improvements – Treasurer Calhoun will present more options to the Board at upcoming meeting. Treasurer Calhoun spoke of the possible reduction in the Clark Lake Interceptor Fee.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the School Tax Collection agreement with Jackson County Intermediate School District was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to confirm and appoint to the Board of Review the recommended list of; Richard Schiel, John Messimer and John Beard with John Drilicka as an alternate was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to re-appoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Bruce Andrews and Robert Willerer was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to re-appoint to the Planning Commission; Robert Willerer (ZBA rep) Pam Jarvis, Mike McKay and Philip Reynolds as the Township Board representative was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from resident Bob Callison.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township