

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

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

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

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

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

Commissioner Poleski gave an update from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod asked that the Assessing report be moved to the top of department reports and asked for a correction to the word form in the minutes. Clerk Marsh asked for a correction to the minutes referring to the Assessor's report "the Assessor was present at the September meeting". A motion by Reynolds to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes, supported by Calhoun, Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Raczkowski inquired about the Title Card Member Services", Clerk Marsh indicated that that refers to the MasterCard credit cards that the Township holds. Trustee Raczkowski asked to review the supporting documents and any reimbursements to elected officials. Clerk Marsh stated that they were public record and he needed to set up a time to come in and review them. Motion to approve accounts payable by Calhoun, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Deland to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Calhoun reminded all that at no time were any Township funds in jeopardy or handled improperly. Trustee Raczkowski mentioned that he wondered why the Auditor got so heated. Motion by Marsh, seconded by Deland to receive and file the report from the Treasurer. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Elwell presented Reserve Officer Sweezey with a plaque thanking him for his service to the Township. Motion by Marsh, seconded by Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The Controller gave an update on her previous report regarding the special activities that are being covered on race weekends. Supervisor Elrod indicated that we would look at all avenues before next race season. Supervisor Elrod announced that the Township clean up day is set for November 6, 2010; it is a service that we provide for the benefit of Township residents.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Reynolds to increase the mechanical inspection permit fee from \$50.00 to \$60.00 (based on the information provided by Supervisor Elrod) subject to someone on the board finding someone willing to do the job for less, support by Calhoun. There was much discussion and the Controller was asked for her recommendation. The Controller indicated that if the Township had to pay its Inspector \$10.00 more per inspection it should, but the Township should wait until further in the budget year to see if raising the fee on the residents would be appropriate. Calhoun withdrew his support of Reynolds motion as it was restated differently. Trustee Beamish supported Reynolds motion. Ayes were Beamish, Reynolds, Calhoun, Deland, and Elrod. Nays were Raczkowski and Marsh. Motion carried. A motion by Beamish to extend the sewer operation and maintenance agreement with Leoni Township until the end of the year, supported by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Alexander spoke about her candidacy for District 5 County Commissioner.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Raczkowski spoke to how important it is for people to take the November election seriously as the upcoming election was important. Supervisor Elrod stated that he and Treasurer Calhoun would be working with Leoni Township on the response to the DNRE. Trustee Beamish suggested that a Study Session might be helpful in sorting out the issues with Leoni Township. Treasurer Calhoun mentioned that there would be a meeting with Mika Myers Beckett and Jones on October 26, 2010 if anyone wanted to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun to adjourn at 8:50pm. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township