

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 19, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Elrod.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

A report from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was given by Commissioner Phil Duckham.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to add Action item 11k, a Closed session (to consult with Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body) to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to move action item 11j to Action item 11a1 to allow Jeff Simpson to be able to leave for required training. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. After brief discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to add a request from the Brooklyn DPW to the agenda as Action item 11L. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all – Except Trustee Reynolds. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$216,327.19 was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Trustee Tackett was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Controller's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to Receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the roofing project status.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to make Jeff Simpson the new Zoning Enforcement Officer in addition to his facilities job responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to accept the audit report and findings from the Auditors (Willis & Jurasek). The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the Installment Payment agreement for 6050 Wesch Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Installment Payment agreement for 6250 N. Lake Road. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the continuing disclosure filing. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the appointment of Mike McKay to the Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Elrod. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the appointment of Bruce Andrews and Bob Willerer to the ZBA as members and Todd Wanty as an alternate member, as recommended by Supervisor Elrod. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve a Natural Gas Supply contract for the Township Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all – Except Elrod. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve an Orkin service agreement for the Township Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Collective Bargaining agreement that was negotiated by the Personnel Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to go into a Closed Session (to consult with Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body) to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 8:22pm. The Board returned from its closed session at 9:16pm by a motion from Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Brooklyn DPW request for 6 Barns Grinder packages in the amount of \$18,702.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

There was final Board comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township