

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Raczkowski

Invocation was given by Trustee Reynolds

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Roger Gaede, Tony Groves, Tom Knutson, Thea Picklesimer, Chris Plummer, Aaron Steele, Jennifer Steele, Brandon Stringer, Jason Stringer and Tracy Weaver.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clerk Marsh motioned to add the Assessing Department report to the agenda as Department report 9e. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to add to the agenda Action Item 11c, the Necessity of the Personnel Committee was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes - Raczkowski, Deland, Reynolds and Beamish. Nays – Marsh, Calhoun and Elrod. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Beamish. 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 \$159,855.83 was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Trustee Deland, was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the Controller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion after Supervisor Elrod updated the Board on Road Commission Projects for 2013 and funding for such projects.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to vote on the request for a Conditional Use Permit by the Brooklyn Archery Range (BAR). The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Raczkowski and Beamish. Nays – Deland, Calhoun, Marsh, Reynolds and Elrod. The Conditional Use Permit was not approved. Supervisor Elrod called for a ten minute recess. The Board reconvened after ten minutes. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to hire the Landplan Company, Mark Eidelson to aid the Township and the Planning Commission to create a new Township Zoning Ordinance was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes – Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Deland and Elrod. Nays – Raczkowski. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Deland to abolish the Personnel Committee was seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes – Deland, Beamish and Raczkowski. Nays – Marsh, Reynolds, Calhoun and Elrod. Motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was further public comment from Jennifer Steele, Arron Steele, Thea Picklesimer, Roger Gaede, Candice Newton, Chris Plummer, Fred Newton and Tracy Weaver

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Supervisor Elrod handed out the holiday office hours and the days that the office would be closed. Board members thanked each other for the previous years of service to the Community.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Raczkowski, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township