

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 21, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Holly Cogan.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave a report on behalf of the County of Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A representative from Congressman Walberg's office gave an update to the Board on the Congressman's work. Resident Cindy Johncox made public comment.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod motioned to have the Site Plan for the Pointe Bar & Grill added as action item 11f. Motion to approve the agenda with the requested change by Supervisor Elrod, seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$148,291.15 by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Trustee Raczkowski – Nay. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion by Supervisor Elrod about the Township Park at Clark Lake. The consensus of the Board was to okay the Supervisor's plan to move the fence at the park and delay the additional sand until spring. Supervisor Elrod also spoke of the need for additional storage and will be getting bids and returning to the Board with more specifics.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the revised Investment Policy, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Policy adopted. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve adding Scott Doman and Donald Brown to the roster of Volunteer Firefighters, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Trustee Reynolds to pay the invoices to JK of Michigan totaling \$17,204.45, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A Motion by Trustee Reynolds to purchase adjacent land to the North of the Jefferson cemetery, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to add the delinquent invoices to the winter tax bills, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Site Plan for the Pointe Bar & Grill with the recommendations and requested changes of the Planning Commission, seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. On a roll call vote – Raczkowski, Calhoun, Deland, Beamish and Elrod. Nays – Marsh, Reynolds. Motion carried. Site plan approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Robin Schoick of the Lake Columbia Property Owner's Association.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township