

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 15, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were public comments.

Motion by Reynolds to add question
by resident Burich to agenda, No support. Motion Failed.

CONSENT AGENDA: Supervisor Elrod requested to have the Fire Report added to the consent agenda along with Correspondence and the Assessor's report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Moved to the consent agenda.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Calhoun spoke of the current financial status of Accounts and investments. And with the adoption of the new Financial Administration Policies we would be discontinuing the use of the Lockbox in Palatine, Illinois. Motion by Marsh to receive and file the report from the Treasurer. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: On the consent agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treasurer Calhoun mentioned that in order for him to open accounts and sign any pertinent documents with CP Federal Credit Union on behalf of the township it would have to be voted on by the board. Motion by Marsh to authorize the Treasurer to sign any pertinent documents. Support by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to accept cleaning contract with TTB. Motion by Calhoun, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to accept amended contract with Rick Deland for snow plowing. It was noted for public awareness that Rick Deland is a newly elected Board member. And that this contract ends in the spring of 2009. Motion by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt new Donations policy #2008-1. Motion by Calhoun, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Disaster Preparedness Policy. Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt updated Financial Administration Policy. Motion by Raczkowski, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint John Messimer, Richard Schiel and John Beard to the Board of Review. With Robin Tackett and Courtney Travilla as alternates. Motion by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint alternates Robin Tackett and Courtney Travilla to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Beamish, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Board Representative Mike Raczowski and Pam Jarvis to the Planning Commission. Motion by Calhoun. Seconded by Beamish.

Motion by Reynolds to refer the December 4, 2008, decision of the ZBA to legal counsel to seek advice as to whether we should pursue this matter in Circuit Court. Support by Deland.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Reynolds, Deland, Raczowski, Nays: Beamish, Elrod, Marsh, Calhoun. Motion Failed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$29,204.00 general fund, \$53,718.43, Clarklake Sewer, \$17,779.60, Vineyard lake Sewer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: More public comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Calhoun, Seconded by Deland to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township