

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 21, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Clerk Marsh

Invocation was given by Treasurer Calhoun.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Treasurer Calhoun requested to have the topic of Insurance Policy provided legal representation added to the agenda as Discussion item 10d. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds 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 \$243,404.73 was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Trustee Tackett to Receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Was moved to the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following topics; the Cintas carpet/mat service was Discussed, and will be considered during the budget process. There was an update on the Policing questions for Napoleon Township to see what effect if any that would have on Columbia Township residents. A proposed revision to the IT policy was discussed and could be on the January agenda as an action item. There was also discussion on the insurance company's preference to use their selection for legal counsel on the SRI litigation. The unanimous consensus of the Board of Trustees was to continue with Brian Hilderley working and where appropriate guiding the attorney provided by the insurance company to achieve a positive resolution for Columbia Township, its residents and our sewer customers.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to adopt the Resolution to set Sewer rates and charges in relation to connection fees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote; Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy & Procedure manual to include the language Longevity and flex salaried to the existing document. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all – Except Deland. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve Southern Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee regarding the Assessor's status. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the invoice for J.K. Inc. that was included in the Board packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to initially table and consider at the end of the agenda, and then at that time approve the invoice for JETT Pump & valve that was included in the Board packet. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. At a later point on the agenda a motion was made by Clerk Marsh to remove from the table the proposed invoice to JETT Pump for its approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Invoice to paid.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the mutual aid agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Deland to appoint Brian Gough as an alternate for the Board of Review. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. 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 Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township