

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 15, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Supervisor Elrod asked for a moment of silence regarding the recent death of T.H. Parker. Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

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

County Commissioner Earl Poleski gave an overview from the County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Mike Shirkey introduced himself and stated why he is running for State Representative in the 65th District.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. A motion by Beamish to approve the agenda, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A motion by Raczkowski to move Treasurer's report to department reports, seconded by Beamish. A motion by Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda with the previous change, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payable by Reynolds, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Beamish to receive and file the report from the Treasurer. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: On the Consent Agenda

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following item; Supervisor Elrod stated that it is the consensus of the Executive Committee that our residents would be better served with a change from the late hours on Wednesday to a Monday – Thursday 7:30am – 5:00pm. Especially since there has been very few people who actually come to the office during the last approximately 7 months. This is still being reviewed and the Executive Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board soon.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Reynolds to approve the School Tax agreements with Jackson County Intermediate School District, Columbia School District, Napoleon Community Schools, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried. Motion by Beamish to approve Capital Expense of \$1,586.00 for an office cubicle, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Deland to table budget designation proposal until the special meeting on February 23, 2010 10am, seconded by Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Calhoun to table the Proposal for Dash Cams until the February 23, 2010 meeting, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion Carried. Motion by Marsh to discontinue the employee/employer relationship between Columbia Township and our building Inspector/Building Official, and instead establish a contractual agreement for Building Inspector/Building Official, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing Inspector positions, per IRS guidelines, the recommendation of the Michigan Townships Association and our legal counsel, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Beamish indicated that there is an open house to get to know Mike Shirkey coming up on February 22, 2010. Trustee Reynolds stated that she knows Mike Shirkey and suggested that he would make a good State Representative because he knows the districts needs. Trustee Raczkowski gave an update on his recent trip to Massachusetts. Supervisor Elrod stated that there is still a vacancy on the Planning Commission and he will bring a recommendation back to the Board for approval. Supervisor Elrod informed the Board that the Executive Committee would discontinue the voluntary return of 5% of their wages as it was pointed out by a former elected official that we could not have it set up that way. Instead the Executive Committee will voluntarily use their private money to fund activities and items and various local charitable efforts that promote the Township. Clerk Marsh indicated that since the Executive Committee can no longer give 5% back in the way that they were. As a result there would need to be budget amendments to the payroll line items of all three departments.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Elrod at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township