

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Elrod.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from resident Del Anteau.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion by Clerk Marsh to add to the agenda Insurance renewal for 2015/2016 was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to add repairs to the 127 Extension was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to add to the agenda the renewal of an agreement with WestBay was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to move discussion item 10a to action item 11I was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$1,083,353.00 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items; A revision to the Employee Policy & Procedure Manual. The Supervisor indicated that the revision could be voted on at the March 16, 2015 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion to adopt the proposed Sewer rate and charges for the public sewer system was made by Treasurer Calhoun and seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Deland, Calhoun, Beamish, Marsh, Tackett and Elrod. Resolution adopted. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to table the request by Supervisor Elrod to approve the quote from A-Plus Electric. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all, except Supervisor Elrod. Supervisor Elrod had requested that resident Todd Wanty be appointed as an alternate to the ZBA. A motion was discussed and a majority of Board members did not support the motion as there were more questions to be answered about the vacancy and possible applicants. No appointment for an alternate to the ZBA was made. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the recommended fund balance designations. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the Assessing Department staffing proposal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the renewal of the 2015/2016 health insurance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the scouring work not to exceed \$15,000 on the 127 Extension. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Elrod. Ayes: Tackett, Beamish, Deland, Calhoun and Elrod. Nays: Marsh. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to renew an agreement with WestBay Exploration. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Commercial REU billing method presented by the Controller. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Matt Schepeler.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township