

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

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 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 Treasurer Calhoun.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Marsh, Deland, Calhoun, Beamish and Elrod. Raczkowski arrived late. Reynolds absent.

Commissioner Duckham gave an update from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Craig Douglas of the Village of Brooklyn spoke.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod then asked to have the complications regarding the third alert siren that was to be installed at the Township office as discussion item 10b. Motion to add by Elrod, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes All. Agenda was approved on a unanimous vote. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Deland, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried,

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payable by Beamish, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Marsh, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the Controller's report by Calhoun, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion to accept the Fire Department's report by Beamish, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion to accept the Police Department's report by Calhoun, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion to accept the Assessor's report by Deland, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion to accept the Sewer report by Marsh, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items: Candice Miller's position on the FEMA maps and how she is attempting to change the designations. Also, Supervisor Elrod discussed the concerns for the Siren that was to be placed at the 8500 Jefferson Road location. It was the consensus of the Board since the Grant has not been approved to wait until there was more information to make a decision.

ACTION ITEMS: The renewal of the Jackson County Road Commission Dust Control agreement for 2011 was considered. No action was taken. A motion by Marsh, seconded by Calhoun to purchase the BS&A purchase order program. Ayes - Marsh, Calhoun and Elrod. Nays – Raczkowski, Deland and Beamish. Motion failed. Treasurer Calhoun had to leave the meeting. A motion by Beamish, seconded by Marsh to approve the budget amendments. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A motion by Marsh to approve the proposed ballot language for the renewal of the Police and Fire mileages, seconded by Elrod. Trustee Beamish announced that he would have to abstain from voting as the Columbia School District would be having a proposal on the May ballot and he did not want there to be an appearance of conflict. Nays – Raczkowski and Deland. Ayes – Marsh and Elrod. Motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: There was no final comment by Board

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township