

**SPECIAL MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 23, 2010
12:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Roger Gaede had concerns with the consideration of asking residents to pay anything new or raising the sewer bills to pay off the bond debt for the Vineyard Lake Sewer system.

A motion by Reynolds to set the rules aside, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following item; the previous meeting of the Vineyard Lake Common Fund group and what options were available to our Township regarding bond debt. Treasurer Calhoun will research with Jim White and update the board in March as to whether some funds from the R&R accounts can be used for debt retirement.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Calhoun to establish a separate equipment fund for purchases \$3,000.00 or more to be approved by the board, seconded by Reynolds. Trustee Deland suggested that the amount should be \$1,000.00 but then withdrew that suggestion. Trustee Raczkowski suggested that we have safeguards in place to protect the equipment fund. Beamish stated that at the school they carry money over from one year to the next. On a voice vote. Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Deland, Elrod – Ayes. Raczkowski Ney. Motion Carried. A motion by Marsh to approve the Dash Cam proposal, seconded by Reynolds. Discussion was heard. Trustee Deland had to leave and thought the issue should be delayed until he was available. Trustee Reynolds called the question. Supervisor Elrod started to give his opinion but stopped because of Trustee Reynolds call of the question. Trustee Raczkowski stated that since the rules were set aside then the Supervisor should proceed. Supervisor Elrod finished his opinion that he feels that the purchase of Dash Cams is necessary but he still had concerns about whether we should spend the money. On a voice vote. Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Elrod – Ayes. Raczkowski – Ney. Deland had to leave. Motion carried. A motion by Reynolds to authorize the Executive Committee to choose between the two insurance quotes for liability coverage and then update the board at the March 15, 2010 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Raczkowski, seconded by Beamish. Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township