

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

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 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 Clerk Marsh.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from residents William Frisby, David Landholm, Dr. Ed Plentz and Mike Raczkowski.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$172,925.19 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on Township facilities planning. The Board had a unanimous consensus to encourage the Supervisor to research possible engineers that might be able to submit a proposal for conducting a feasibility study or assessment on Township properties.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion to table the proposed 2015 Fire services agreement until the April 20, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Tax Collection Agreement

with Jackson College was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the revision to the Township Employee Policy & Procedure Manual. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calcoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Kennedy Industries sewer invoice. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the letter of intent and the payment for Jackson County GIS services for 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to appoint Todd Wanty to the ZBA as an alternate. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsh asked the Board for a consensus decision on forwarding the recent concerns regarding the Brooklyn Sportsman's Club and to verify that the Ordinance is being applied and interpreted appropriately. The Board was unanimous in their decision to refer the concerns as one package to the Zoning consultant, Mark Eidelson from LandPlan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was additional public comment by residents William Frisby, Dr. Ed Plentz and Mike Raczkowski.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township