

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 19, 2010
7:00p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. The invocation was given by Trustee Reynolds.

ROLL CALL:Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Raczkowski, Present
Elrod, Deland, Absent

With the absence of Supervisor Elrod the remaining members selected Trustee Raczkowski to be the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

County Commissioner Earl Poleski gave an overview from the County.

Public Comments: Julie Alexander introduced herself and stated why she was running for County Commissioner in the 5th District. Eric Morgan and John Gates introduced themselves and spoke of the Torch Run fundraising success due to the great cooperation with the Columbia Township Fire Department.

Acting Chair Raczkowski stated that the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Clerk Marsh asked that the Assessing Department report be moved from the Consent Agenda, Acting Chairman Raczkowski asked that the Treasurer's report be moved to Discussion item C. A motion by Marsh to approve the Consent Agenda and the entire agenda with the previously mentioned changes, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

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

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following items; Treasurer Calhoun informed the Board that we would be referring some Sewer legal work to the law firm of Brown, Raduazo and Hilderley to get an outside opinion on certain legal matters involving the sewer systems in order to protect Columbia Township taxpayer's interests. Clerk Marsh updated the Board as to the intention of Supervisor Elrod to call a Budget Workshop for April 28, 2010, 9a.m.. Acting Chairman Raczkowski complimented Treasurer Calhoun on the 7% return on a particular investment.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Calhoun to renew the health insurance with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried. Motion by Marsh to approve one application with the Jackson County Road Commission, seconded by Reynolds. Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh voted yes. Raczkowski and Beamish voted no. Motion carried. Motion by Marsh to reappoint Barb Beamish and John Messimer to the ZBA, seconded by Calhoun. Beamish abstained from the vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Marsh to approve the Budget amendments, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: None

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Beamish, seconded Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township