

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 17, 2010
7:00p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. The invocation was given by Trustee Raczkowski.

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

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave an overview from the County.

Public Comments: Julie Alexander reintroduced herself and stated why she was running for County Commissioner in the 5th District. Dale Markiewicz introduced himself and stated why he was running for District 5 County Commissioner. Mike Raczkowski spoke during public comment as to why he was running for District 5 County Commissioner.

Supervisor Elrod stated that the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Trustee Raczkowski made a motion to add to the agenda opening the office on Friday's in relation to the proposed salary adjustments. Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Elrod Nays and Raczkowski, Deland Ayes. Motion failed. A motion by Reynolds to approve the agenda and the consent agenda, Seconded by Calhoun. Motion passed.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Calhoun, seconded by Deland to receive and file the report from the Fire Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Assessing Department Report: Motion by Beamish, seconded by Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following items; the Controllers proposed salary adjustment, the creation of an Information Technology budget with a salary line that would go to the assessor, and the proposed salary adjustment for the Deputy Treasurer.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Raczkowski to table the Resolution of Intent for Leoni Township, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Beamish to spread the proposed salary adjustments for the Controller and the IT Department over three years was then amended by Beamish to be spread over two budget years, seconded by Raczkowski. The 2011 Financial Plan Resolution passed on a vote of Beamish, Reynolds, Deland, and Raczkowski Ayes. Calhoun, Marsh and Elrod Nays. Motion carried. A motion by Marsh to waive the Township's Right of First Refusal for Properties forfeited to the Jackson County Treasurer's office, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Elrod stated that he had received information from individuals, companies and other municipalities interested in accepting the job as Building Inspector for Columbia Township. He recommended Bartlow Corporation. A motion by Beamish to confirm Supervisor Elrod's choice of Bartlow Corporation, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Robert L. Callison spoke to his concerns regarding the agenda items. Resident Donald Watkins submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning Commission and ZBA. It was accepted with regrets.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: None

Motion to adjourn at 9:05p.m., by Calhoun, seconded Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township