

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave an overview from the County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. The Assessors report was removed from the Consent Agenda and added as item 8d. A Closed Session on an employee requested personnel matter was added after the final Board Comment. Motion to approve the agenda with the preceding changes by Reynolds, seconded by Beamish. Roll Call vote: AYES: Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Elrod, Calhoun, Deland, Raczkowski. NAYS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve consent agenda by Reynolds, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

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

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Deland, seconded by Calhoun to receive and file the Assessors report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Deland, seconded by Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Treasurer. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following items; the possibility of reactivating our Marine Patrol. This matter will be discussed with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Legal Counsel and the Executive Committee. Treasurer Calhoun discussed the cooperative effort with Liberty Township on a possible Agricultural Enterprise group through the MEDC.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Marsh to pay the request of Leoni Township for \$14,987.06 to replace sewer pumps to be used at Clark Lake, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Deland to allow the Assessing department to approve land splits without Board approval, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Beamish to approve the Hazard Communications Plan, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no further public comments.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Reynolds indicated that she was still concerned about Abso-Pure. Clerk Marsh indicated that we will need to put some money into our cemeteries for cleanup and development of our new land, also the possibility of a cremation monument for one or more of our four cemeteries. He also mentioned that the personnel committee will be reorganizing some of the job descriptions and job responsibilities in the office and would be returning to the Board for additional compensation if appropriate. Trustee Deland inquired as to whether the dust control application was monitored by a Township employee.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Elrod convened the meeting at 8:53 p.m. to go into a Closed Session on an employee requested personnel matter. Roll Call: AYES: Raczkowski, Deland, Calhoun, Elrod, Marsh, Reynolds, Beamish. Nays: None

Motion by Raczkowski to reconvene the regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 9:50 p.m., seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Deland, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township