

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
August 16, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 16, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Invocation was given by Trustee Reynolds.

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

Commissioners Duckham and Poleski were not present so Supervisor Elrod asked David Elwell to give an update.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Terry Herdus, a Volunteer Firefighter for the department resigned effective immediately sighting family issues.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod added Action items 11b, Proposal by Feller Finch and item 11c, Personnel Matter. Treasurer Calhoun added item 10c, Review of Freeze off invoices for Lake Columbia and Vineyard Lake due to faulty installations. A motion by Beamish to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes, supported by Reynolds, Ayes all. Motion carried. Trustee Raczkowski asked that the Board packets be added to the website, there was discussion but the consensus of the Board was to start with just the agenda. Trustee Deland questioned the Zoning report. A motion by Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On the consent agenda.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Deland, seconded by Calhoun 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 Marsh, seconded by Beamish to receive and file the report from the Assessor Department even though the Assessor was unavailable for this meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Supervisor Elrod updated the Board on the resignation of Planning Commission member Bev Wahr. A motion to accept with regrets and thanks by Beamish, Seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried. Supervisor Elrod updated the Board on entrance into the NFIP. Trustee Raczkowski commented as well. Treasurer Calhoun gave an update on the “Freeze off” invoices at Lake Columbia and Vineyard Lake due to faulty installations. Calhoun indicated that the Township has paid \$63,292.99, to fix some problems and will “light the fire to get some sort of resolution to the situation”. He suggested that we might need to pursue legal action to recover money from the Drain Commissioners office.

**ACTION ITEMS:** A motion by Deland to approve the O&M of Wastewater Collection and Transportation system, support by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Calhoun to engage Feller Finch to conduct a review and prepare a plan of action to operate our Sewer stations, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all but Trustee Raczkowski. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod started to ask for the resignation of Kyle Montgomery, when a motion to terminate Kyle Montgomery was made by Marsh, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Treasurer Calhoun thanked him for his years of service and Supervisor Elrod concurred.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no additional public comment.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT:** Trustee Deland asked that the Township keep a close eye on Leoni Township for future reference. Supervisor Elrod stated that he would be conducting a review on a quarterly basis. Trustee Reynolds stated that the Sheriff gave kudos to Columbia Township for taking the action (involving personnel in the Fire Department) and making the Township squeaky clean. Trustee Reynolds asked for an update on the Cemeteries at an upcoming meeting. Clerk Marsh indicated that there will be an update soon.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Beamish, seconded by Raczkowski to adjourn. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township