

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Invocation was given by Treasurer Calhoun.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by resident Janet Knutson.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to remove action item 11c was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to move department reports b, c, d and e to the Consent Agenda was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to add an update on the Sewer Litigation with Leoni Township as discussion item 10e was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the Agenda with the above mentioned changes was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the consent agenda as amended was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$297,076.23 was made by Trustee Beamish, and seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. 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.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Report was moved to the Consent Agenda.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Report was moved to the Consent Agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Report was moved to the Consent Agenda.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Report was moved to the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion after a presentation by Brandon Ransom on proposed changes to the County Park at ClarkLake. There was also discussion on some future uses for the property behind the Township Hall. Treasurer Calhoun suggested the possibility of a Dog Park made possible by using some Re-purposed fencing from lift stations. Treasurer Calhoun gave an update on the progress of Township Park Improvements. The capital Improvement Plan for the Fire Department was discussed and it was the consensus of the Board that the matter would be discussed further in future budget meetings. Attorney Brian Hilderley provided a verbal recap of the ongoing litigation with Leoni Township.

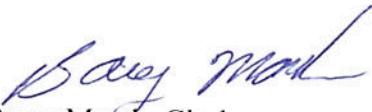
ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the purchase of a Natural Gas generator for the Kentucky Point Lift station, which was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to authorize the submission of the request of for Grant (Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership) approval of Federal funds to assist with Township Park Improvements was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. There was discussion about replacing the defective chairs at the Board table. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was further public comment by resident Keith Kotsch.

There was final Board comment from Supervisor Elrod reminding everyone of the Special meeting that was called for September 30, 2013 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township