

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

Supervisor Elrod reminded the Board that he would like to remind the Board of the rules that we agreed to abide by and asked that everyone follow them.

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

Commissioner Duckham gave an update from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners as Commissioner Poleski was unavailable for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ryan Beal, a Volunteer Firefighter for the department asked that the Board reconsider the termination of the previous Assistant Fire Chief.

Janice Fairley spoke about her efforts as a Candidate for 5th District County Commissioner.

Supervisor Elrod asked Candidate Julie Alexander if she wanted to make a statement and she stated maybe later.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod asked that item 10d be removed. Treasurer Calhoun asked that item 10a be moved up so the auditors could leave, Trustee Raczkowski asked to add Putting the entire Board packet on the website as action item 11e. Supervisor Elrod asked to add item 11f an update on the vacancy of Assistant Chief for the Fire Department. A motion by Deland to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes, supported by Calhoun, Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Beamish to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

2010 AUDIT RESULTS Mark Kettner from Rehmann Robson gave an update for the 2010 Audit. Columbia has received an unqualified opinion. There was a minor comment regarding password security. "But as audits go Columbia Township is in a very enviable position". Mark Kettner mentioned a possible concern about a CD that the Township has with munivest. Treasurer Calhoun spoke about it. Trustee Raczkowski asked Mark Kettner why they as our Auditor's did not discover this. Mark Kettner indicated that it is not the job that they as auditors

are paid to do. Treasurer Calhoun apologized to Mark Kettner and stated that they were not responsible as they are conducting an audit based on a snapshot of the Township's financial records.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: On the consent agenda.

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

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

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Deland 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: The 2010 Audit was given earlier in the meeting. Supervisor Elrod presented a letter that was being sent by the Township attorney in response to former Supervisor Kuzminski's complaint about Supervisor Elrod opening mail addressed to him. The attorney's letter indicated that the Township had an obligation and the authority to open any and all mail addressed to the Township and further recommended that people not have mail of a personal nature sent to the Township. Supervisor Elrod gave an update on the report by Feller Finch and Associates regarding the lift stations that Columbia Township is responsible for. He suggested a study session which he would be calling for. Supervisor Elrod asked that his proposed Pit Bull ordinance be pulled as it was something that Jackson County Law enforcement is working on.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Reynolds to approve the Collective bargaining agreement, support by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Calhoun to apply special assessments & delinquent sewer usage and other delinquent fees to the 2010 Winter Tax bills, supported by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Reynolds to sign the letter of intent for the Jackson County aerial Imagery Acquisition Project and build it into the 2011 and 2012 budget. Ayes all but Trustee Raczkowski who voted nay. Motion Carried. 9pm Trustee Deland had to leave. A motion by Marsh to accept the Treasurers recommendation of the Resolution in Support of Credit Card Acceptance, supported by Reynolds. On a roll call vote Ayes were Raczkowski, Calhoun, Marsh, Reynolds, Beamish, and Elrod. Resolution was adopted. A motion by Raczkowski to add the entire board packet to the website, supported by Calhoun. Ayes were Raczkowski, Calhoun, Beamish, and Elrod. Ney's were Reynolds and Marsh. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod indicated that it was the recommendation of Chief Lutz to promote Inspector Scott Cota as the new Assistant Chief effective immediately. And that the personnel committee concurs. Trustee Beamish asked that there be an automatic 30 day trial period in case there are any unforeseen conflicts with Cota's duties as

Inspector and Assistant Chief. It was understood that there would not be a need for any further action by the Board as long as there is no concerns by the Chief and/or the Personnel Committee. A motion by Beamish, supported by Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Alexander spoke about her candidacy for District 5 County Commissioner.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Beamish asked that the update form the Controller be on the agenda at the next meeting. Treasurer Calhoun mentioned that he had brochures on Health Care Reform available by the entrance to the board room for anyone interested. Supervisor Elrod stated that Columbia Township is now officially enrolled in the NFIP. Clerk Marsh gave cemetery update regarding record updating and the new Columbarium that will be installed at the Clark Lake cemetery before winter. Trustee Reynolds mentioned that people could help the Interfaith Shelter by procuring toiletries form hotels or any others that might go to waste.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Elrod adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm due to no further business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township