

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 15, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Lonnie Huhman.

Invocation was given by Trustee Reynolds.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Deland, Raczkowski, Calhoun, Reynolds, Marsh and Elrod. Trustee Beamish asked to be excused as he had a family emergency out of town.

Dustin Krasny gave an update from Congressman Walberg's office.

County Commissioner Julie Alexander gave a report on behalf of the County of Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Treasurer Calhoun asked that the Treasurer's report be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Department reports. Clerk Marsh discussed the late correspondence that was given to each Board member. Supervisor Elrod mentioned that the Township recently received a complaint about certain properties but the complaint came in with false information. Contact was made with the real individual who stated that he had no concerns and his name was used falsely. Trustee Raczkowski asked that item 11a be withdrawn. Motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$507,772.24 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

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

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: A motion to accept the Controller's report was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

There was a disruption during the Controller's report, when Supervisor Elrod gaveled Trustee Raczkowski as out of order. Supervisor Elrod declared a recess at 8:18pm. Supervisor Elrod called the meeting back in session at 8:24pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Marsh, seconded by Reynolds to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion by Supervisor Elrod about setting up a Capital Improvement fund for the sewer system. Quotes for the codification of Township Ordinances were discussed and will be considered at the September 19th meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Trustee Raczkowski, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the revised financial policy. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Reynolds to approve the updated vendors list for the Township. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Jennifer Coe from the Village of Brooklyn.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township