

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JULY 20, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Elrod.

**Roll Call:** PRESENT: Elrod, Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett, Reynolds, Deland  
ABSENT: Marsh absent due to medical emergency.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Rachael Miller was introduced by Supervisor Elrod. Rachael is the Capitol Campaign Manager for the Irish Hills Community Legacy non-profit group. Rachael spoke of a propose extension of the Clark Lake Spirit Trail System through other areas of the community and spoke of the uses of the Community Center.

There was no report from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment from resident Ron June regarding the CLIS committee explaining the weed control study findings and the need for a special assessment district for weed eradication at Clarklake. Ron also mentioned that per the valid petitions gathered 74% of the lake front property owners were in favor of the project.

There was public comment from resident Walter Shuberg concerning docking issues at Clarklake.

There was public comment from resident Michael Consomi concerning docking issues at Clarklake.

A motion was made to move the sewer report to the consent agenda by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$210,926.64 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Motion to approve the Controller's report was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT:** Motion to approve the Police report was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**FIRE REPORT:** Motion to approve the Fire report was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried

**SEWER REPORT:** Moved to consent agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the final negotiation on the SRI-outcome. Treasurer Calhoun had conversation with the Board about their stand on the issue. The Board members made comment about their stand on the issue.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion to amend the Township FOIA Policies and Procedures was made by Trustee Tackett. The motion was supported by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to amend the Police Department FOIA Policy was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Division Order – Savoy Energy and authorize Supervisor Elrod to sign it. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made to revise the Park pavilion Reservation Request Form by Trustee Deland. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to table the invoices presented to the Board for payment for Kennedy industries for Myers Pump Packages and RJT Construction for ground restoration. After some discussion with Trustee Tackett who advised that the work had already been completed and that the Board should not hold up payment a roll call vote was taken the results were Elrod-No, Calhoun-No, Beamish-No, Tackett-No, Reynolds-Yes, Deland-Yes. The vote was 4-2 in favor of paying the invoices. A motion to

approve a Police Department's purchase of MDC's that were budgeted for the 15/16 budget year was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the purchase of BS&A Building .Net software that was budgeted for the 15-16 budget year was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the hiring of a part time Police Officer by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made to table the purchase of 20 retro fit grinder packages by Trustee Tackett. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A roll call vote was taken to approve a resolution for the Intent for the Clark Lake Aquatic Species Control , Elrod-yes, Calhoun-yes, Beamish-yes, Tackett-yes, Reynolds-yes, Deland-yes. The vote was 6 in favor of passing the resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment from resident Carol Wilson who presented a letter to the Board about road ends lake ordinances. She would like residents to have notification of future lake ordinances and would like Board members who are residence of the lake to abstain from voting on these matters.

There was public comment from resident James Minnick asking the Board Members and the public to attend the County Commissioner's meeting on July 21, 2015 for the SRI issue.

There was public comment from resident Ron June thanking the Board for passing the resolution for the Clark Lake Invasive Species Special Assessment District.

There was public comment from resident Walter Shuberg about Clark Lake docking issues.

Prior to adjournment Treasurer Calhoun commented on the website on road end law changes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

