

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 18, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 18, 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 Sheriff Steve Rand.

Invocation was given by Treasurer Calhoun.

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

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave a report on behalf of the County of Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Del Antos, 5301 Jefferson Road, Clark Lake was concerned about the Fire and Police Mileage renewals. Citizen Connie Douglas made comment regarding the Township finances.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Clerk Marsh asked that the 2011/2012 meeting dates be added as Action Item 11c. and that an increase in the Board of Review Wage Compensation is added as Action Item 11d. Trustee Raczkowski asked that his resolution regarding consolidating services be added as Discussion Item 10g. and considered for Action Items at the August Board meeting. Motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$165,751.18 by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

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 Marsh, seconded by Beamish to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Beamish, seconded by Reynolds 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 Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the Notice of eligibility of Columbia Township to be able to consider Charter status from the Secretary of State. Trustee Reynolds spoke of her concerns regarding a specific property in the Township that she believed to not be in compliance with Township Ordinances. The zoning person will be directed to assess the situation and do what can be done. Treasurer Calhoun spoke of the timeline for the delinquent 2009 property taxes. There was going to be discussion on revised police ordinances but are not ready yet. They come back to the Board at a later date. Clerk Marsh spoke of the new Electronic Poll Books that will be used for the first time during the August 2, 2011 election. Clerk Marsh also spoke of the need to secure and keep private the laptops and all materials therefore a cubicle would be purchased for approximately \$1555.22. Supervisor Elrod gave an update regarding the notification that we received from Leoni Township. He will continue to update the Board as things develop. Trustee Raczkowski asked that the Board consider adopting his proposed resolution at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Beamish to purchase a new Crown Victoria for the Police Department not to exceed \$23,000.00. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland to switch insurance carriers from Fort Dearborn to Standard Insurance which provides for additional benefits to personnel and still save approximately \$6,000.00 to the Township. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Deland to approve the 2011/2012 meeting dates. Ayes all. Motion carried. A Motion to adopt the Resolution to Establish Board of Review Compensation with \$85.00 for full day and \$40.00 for half day was made by Clerk Marsh, Seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote Ayes all. Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township