

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 19, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 19, 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 Treasurer Calhoun.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment from resident Vic Marshall.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to move the fire report to the consent agenda was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to add the renewal of the general insurance policy as action item 11f was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$98,507.76 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the Controller's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Moved to consent agenda.

**SEWER REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the following items; There was a discussion and presentation on the financial obligations of the sewer system and the lack of adequate funding to meet those obligations. The need for a possible sewer rate increase was discussed to address the situation. There was also a brief discussion on the upcoming 2015/2016 Budget process and timeline.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items.

A motion to approve the membership dues for the River Raisin Watershed Council was made by Clerk Marsh and seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to re-appoint Pam

Jarvis to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to appoint Applicant Trudeau as Columbia Township Plumbing Inspector. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the School Tax Collection agreement with Columbia School District. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the School Tax Collection agreement with JCISD. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to renew the insurance proposal from the Hartleb Agency / EMC. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no additional public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township