

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 20, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment by Dustin Krasney from Congressman Tim Walberg's office.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to move the communication from Prosecuting Attorney Jerry Jarzynka to the agenda as a discussion item. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$241,867.72 was made by Trustee Tackett. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**SEWER REPORT:** A representative from the Village of Brooklyn (DPW) was unavailable. Motion by Trustee Deland to receive and file the report was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the following items; Treasurer Calhoun discussed the communication from Prosecuting Attorney Jerry Jarzynka. Township Attorney Eric White was present and explained the legal standing on the matter for Columbia Township.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the request by Treasurer Calhoun to appoint and compensate the Controller as the Interim Deputy Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to adopt the Metering vs. REU Billing resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, marsh, Tackett and Elrod. Motion carried. Resolution adopted. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to renew the BCN insurance policy with a 7.02% increase to be adjusted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Fire Chief's recommendation of hiring Jeff Simpson as the new Assistant Fire Chief as the second fulltime employee of the fire department with the annual salary of \$42,000. The motion was

seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote: Ayes all – Except Deland. Motion carried. The action item of a possible General Fund loan to Vineyard lake Special Assessment for the April 1, 2017 Bond obligation was determined to be unnecessary. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the advertisement for Assessing fieldworkers. 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 Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township