

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 20, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 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: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Deland to add a discussion regarding the job description and responsibilities for the Chief of Police position. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Trustee Reynolds requested to have the March 16, 2020 minutes corrected to reflect that he was not present and to correct that Clerk Marsh seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda for that meeting. No objections. The correction was approved. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the consent agenda as presented and the amended agenda together. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Agenda (and Consent agenda) were approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables totaling the amount of \$69,394.67 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun and seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun and seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds and seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on a proposed Township Cleanup, date To be determined later. A revised Disaster Relief Policy was discussed as well. The Board was also presented with a preliminary draft of the 20/21 Budget and reach a Consensus to adjust proposed State Shared revenue down to consider recent economic activity in Michigan. The Board also discussed the Supervisor's update on the Chief of Police position and the appropriate actions, in compliance with the previous recommendation by the Personnel Committee and the Board approved appointment of the Interim Police Chief.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items: A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the PLM - summer 2020 Treatment Proposal. The motion Was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Supervisors ZBA recommendation - accepting the resignation of Brad Denning and the appointment of Jerry King to replace him. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds at 8:21 pm to go into Closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a roll call vote: Ayes - Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds at 8:38 pm to come out of Closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a role call vote: Ayes - Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to instruct Attorney Dangl to proceed (as discussed in the Closed Session) in the case of Minnick v Columbia Township. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township