

REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 15, 2017 – Corrected
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 15, 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: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Resident Jeff Cervenec.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to add action item 10e, a legal update from one of our Sewer Litigation Attorneys to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$140,824.68 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

SEWER REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items; a proposed Township employee Firearm Policy will be drafted by the Personnel Committee and returned to the Board for consideration. Trustee Reynolds discussed the Michigan Lake and Stream conference that he and Treasurer Calhoun recently attended. Treasurer Calhoun discussed the status of the Clark Lake Special Assessment District for Invasive Weed-treatment. There was also discussion on the Supervisors communication addressing three outstanding issues with the draft zoning ordinance being considered by the Township. The Township Board by consensus agreed 4 to 3 to request that the commercial properties in question be C2. And the Board agreed 5 to 2 to leave the zoning for the property near the south side of Clark lake as Residential and not change it to Agricultural. The Board also decided 6 to 1 to not consider incorporating the two dwellings per parcel concept due to unintended consequences.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation regarding various employment vacancies at the Township. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to adopt the Financial Plan Resolution for FY 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Treasurer Calhoun read the resolution out loud. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2018-2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to not exercise the Township's Right of 1st Refusal as submitted. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Township Attorney for sewer litigation updated the Township Board on ongoing litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township