

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**April 16, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

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

Trustee Reynolds made a motion to appoint Treasurer Calhoun as Chair of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment from resident Jae Guetschow and County Commissioner Phil Duckham.

Treasurer Calhoun asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to add action item 11e (Fire Department / Health event) to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Trustee Tackett made a motion to move the Controllers report to the Consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Trustee Reynolds asked that he be allowed to ask some questions of the Village of Brooklyn DPW representative. Chairman Calhoun indicated that as Chair he would allow discretion after Discussion item 10b. 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 was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the amended Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$152,454.82 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the following items; The Township Sewer Attorney asked to provide the Board with a legal update that required a Closed- door session. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 7:15pm. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to return from Closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Board was out of closed session at 7:34pm. There was also a discussion on sewer rates and the related sewer expenses. Trustee Reynolds asked the Village about the status of sewer pumps and purchasing practices.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items: A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the proposed rates for Firefighter compensation and hourly rates for fire apparatus. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the camera upgrade for the Police department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the refund (of admin fee) for Scholl Electric at 241 Somerset and 171 Hawthorne. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Fire Department turnout gear purchase in the amount of \$12,845.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the Fire Department's proposed Community Health and Fitness event. Chief Cota indicated that there would not be any additional expense or impact on the Township finances. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township