

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 18, 2016 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 from Laurie Olney, a candidate for Jackson County Treasure and from resident Ken Veenstra, regarding a potential small business.

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

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to add to the agenda (10b) a Closed session to meet with legal counsel on ongoing litigation with the LCPOA. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to move discussion items 10a and 10b to the end of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to add action item 11f (park cleanup temporary help), to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to move the Sewer report to the Consent Agenda. 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. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$123,798.43 was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the police report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the fire report.

SEWER REPORT: Moved to the Consent Agenda.

Supervisor Elrod recognized Tim Rogers from the Enterprise Group to speak about their Jackson 2020 initiative.

The discussion items were moved to the end of the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation regarding the Assessing Department and make Sue German the official Township Assessor with the appropriate benefits and status. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Corporate or Entity Resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Village of Brooklyn Pump purchase request for \$62,142.00. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to implement the Controllers recommendation for waiving the Administrative fee on permits for Fiscal 16/17. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the DNR Grant for Volunteer Fire Assistance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the proposal regarding computer equipment. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to pay at the rate of \$10 per hour, two fire cadets (most likely Brady Surque and Steven Moull) to assist with the park cleanup for one week, while the Township maintenance personnel is on vacation in the second week of August, 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all – Except Elrod. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items; A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to go into closed Session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation with the Sewer, SRI , but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a role call vote – Ayes: Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. The Board went into closed session at 8:18pm. A motion was made by Treasure Calhoun to come out of Closed session at 9:13pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a role call vote – Ayes – Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. A motion was made my Trustee Tackett to authorize Supervisor Elrod to work with Andrea and legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to authorize Supervisor Elrod to sign an engagement letter on behalf of Columbia Township for the matter discussed. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to go into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation with the LCPOA, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a role call vote – Ayes: Reynolds, Calhoun, Deland, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. The Board went into closed session at 9:19pm. A motion was made by Treasure Calhoun to come out of Closed session at 9:45pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a role call vote – Ayes – Tackett, Marsh, Beamish, Reynolds, Calhoun, Deland and Elrod. A motion was made my Clerk Marsh to finalize the settlement agreement as presented during closed session. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all – Except Clerk Marsh. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township