

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Via Zoom
July 20, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held (via Zoom meetings format) on Monday, July 20, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Beamish, Tackett, Reynolds and Marsh, Calhoun joined after the start due to technical complications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

The Board selected Clerk Marsh to chair the meeting. Clerk Marsh stated that the agenda was presented for consideration. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Agenda approved as presented. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Consent Agenda was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables totaling the amount of \$462,921.75 was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion regarding the Chief of Police vacancy. The consensus of the Board is to post the vacancy (incorporate the input provided by Board members) and (the Personnel Committee / Executive Committee will) proceed with the screening process of applicants in a safe manner (due to Covid- 19) and provide an update to the Board as soon as possible. There was also discussion regarding the increased fees and services with Township IT provider. The unanimous consensus was that we should continue with the services and pay the rates. The Township heard an update regarding Lift Station updates, Egle reporting and SAW Grant status. The Board discussed the concept of offering a potential contract for services to Woodstock Township. The Board raised concerns and questions. Trustee Reynolds requested that his opposition to the concept be duly noted in the minutes. Acting Police Chief Niles will provide the Board with further information and/or update as soon as possible before an appropriate decision could be made.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items: A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the proposed Front Office operations proposal relating to COVID-19. The

motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. After lengthy discussion and consideration, the Board agreed to follow the Attorneys advice to continue with electronic meetings and attempt to provide a hybrid approach. This would allow for Board members and others to attend and participate electronically, while creating a focused opportunity to consider and public comment from residents that prefer to participate outside (but in conjunction with) the Zoom platform. Trustee Reynolds made a motion to proceed in this direction. Trustee Tackett seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the proposed purchase request to Dubois Cooper. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by e Reynolds to approve the posting of the Part time building / facility maintenance position. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the Fire Department request to add an additional firefighter to the roster. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve a proposal having Region 2 Planning Commission proceed to prepare the inter-municipality recreation plan (this would be paid from Township fees already paid to Region 2). The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Reynolds, Tackett, Beamish, Calhoun and Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Tackett. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township