

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Elrod.

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

A report from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was given by Commissioner Phil Duckham towards the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from resident Bob Jenson.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to add Discussion Item 10b, (a discussion regarding the pending Jackson County Resolution on the SRI Bond debt) to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to add Action Item 10c, (revised expense for the roofing project at the Township hall. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to add as Action item 11d, a closed session (to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body) 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 Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Tackett to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$411,713.23 was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun 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 Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

SEWER REPORT: A DPW representative was not available for this meeting. Motion was made by Clerk Marsh and was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on proposed activity at MIS for 2015 and 2016. MIS Representatives were present for the discussion. There was also discussion on the recently proposed County resolution addressing the SRI bond debt obligations.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to adopt the Proclamation for Robert Sieghart. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to table until the September 20, 2015 meeting the proposed renewal of the Assessing Consultant contract. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the recommendation from David Wilson and the Township building committee to accept and proceed with the roof project with the revised cost as the project was already well underway and needed to be completed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to go into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, 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. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 8:17pm. The Board returned from its closed session at 8:49pm by a motion from Treasurer Calhoun. 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. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township