

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 20, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Township Board remembered Supervisor Bob Elrod with a period of silence in honor of his outstanding service to the Community and in gratitude for the friendship and leadership that will be missed.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Trout and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Michigan Senator Mike Shirkey and Commissioner Duckham.

Treasurer Calhoun requested that the Controllers report be moved to action item 10i (for consideration of Sewer rate fees and charges to be implemented). Treasurer Calhoun also requested that action item 10c (RFP – sewer Operation & Maintenance (O&M) services) be moved to discussion only at this time. Then a motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Agenda and Consent Agenda were approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables totaling the amount of \$278,538.15 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: The Board heard more discussion on the Emergency Siren Alert system and the potential for partnering with the Village of Brooklyn. The board also discussed the process and expectations for the preparation of an RFP for the O&M contract renewal and bids.

Action Items: Action was taken on the following items: The Board agreed to the proposed Fees and charges for Ordinance #56 (Emergency Response Services). A revised version with updated language will be presented at the next meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the fire department request to hire Piper Herron as a Cadet. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the proposed Collective Bargaining agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve a vehicle purchase request for the Police Department as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve a draft Lake Survey as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve an RFP request for

concrete replacement at the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to appoint Clerk Marsh to serve as the Township Supervisor until November 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. The Board was unanimous in their request and support for the motion to appoint Marsh as Supervisor. Clerk Marsh commented and requested to abstain from the vote as it personally affected him. The Board agreed and allowed the Clerk to abstain. Clerk Marsh called the question. Ayes – Tackett, Deland, Calhoun and Beamish. No opposed. Motion carried. Township Controller Peterson discussed her recommendations to address the Resolution to Set Sewer Rates and Charges for the Public Sewer System. Specifically the O,M&R rates and charges as presented. Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to approve and adopt the proposed rates effective November 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes – Deland, Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett and Marsh.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jo Hulburt, Columbia Township Clerk
In coordination with former Clerk Marsh