

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Via Zoom
September 21, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held (via Zoom meetings format) on Monday, September 21, 2020.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

Treasurer Calhoun was selected to Chair the meeting. Treasurer Calhoun requested to add action item 12g (Region 2 Jackson City + County Non Motorized Trail proposal) to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Agenda approved. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to receive and file the Audit presentation provided by Nancy Barton. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland 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 \$334,838.97 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Controller Peterson provided a department report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds at 7:40 pm to go into Closed session with Township Legal Counsel to discuss ongoing litigation where doing so in an open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the trial or settlement position of the Township. Controller Peterson was asked to join the Board in closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote: Ayes - Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Tackett, Marsh and Beamish. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish at 8:11 pm to come out of Closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Reynolds, Beamish, Deland, Marsh, Tackett and Calhoun. Clerk Marsh made a motion to direct Attorney Heidi Hudson to get clarification from Leoni Township on the proposed Accounting agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Board discussed the scheduling of a Fall cleanup, with a date of October 17th or possibly the following Saturday. Must first confirm with Modern Waste.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items: A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Fire Department request for addition of Collin Morrow as a Cadet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to adopt a resolution for partial termination of FDRA as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a roll call vote: Ayes Marsh, Beamish, Tackett, Deland, Reynolds and Calhoun. Resolution adopted. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the 2020 Investment in the Enterprise Group. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the recommendation to not participate in the Social Security deferment option (or Opt out). The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to adopt the Brooklyn to Manchester Trail Resolution as presented. Controller Peterson will provide the specific line item for funding. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a roll call vote: Ayes Reynolds, Deland, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Calhoun. Resolution adopted. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to adopt the Region 2 Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Trail proposal as presented for addition on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote: Ayes Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Reynolds, Deland and Calhoun. Resolution adopted. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Additional public comment was provided by Acting Police Chief Jay Niles.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township