

REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 15, 2018
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 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: Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from residents John Demming, Ron June, Chris Kudner, Lori Lazebnik, Terry Mahr and Kevin Thompson.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clerk Marsh requested to add a refund for 6600 Riverside Road to the agenda as an action item. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Before the approval of the Consent Agenda Trustee Reynolds asked that the minutes from the August 6, 2018 special meeting be amended to clarify his position on section 20.11 of the Township Zoning Ordinance draft. After discussion, Trustee Tackett made a motion to add the following language to the August 6, 2018 meeting minutes; “there was vague table discussion regarding this possibility – and since the creation of these minutes, Trustee Reynolds has requested that his opposition to 20.11 as written is absolute.” Trustee Tackett’s motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. The Consent Agenda was approved. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$206,277.20 was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Township Auditor Nancy Barton from Willis & Jurasek provided the annual audit report. Clerk Marsh made a motion to receive and file the audit report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER’S REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the Controller’s report. Ayes all. Motion carried. Treasurer Calhoun asked that Heather McCutcheon be recognized for the great work that she provides.

SEWER REPORT: After much discussion, the Board by a unanimous consensus requested that the O&M provider continue to submit a Pump Inventory report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Fire Chief Scott Cota provided a brief overview of his proposed Social Media policy for the Township Fire Department. The Board asked that the Township attorney review and advise as necessary.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items: A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the staffing request for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Fire Department request to purchase ballistic vests. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Chief Cota will provide the Board (in November) a proposed policy regulating the usage of this equipment. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the proposed Planning Commission By-laws as they had been reviewed by Township legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Police Department staffing request as presented. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the Police Department request for the vehicle purchase request as presented. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Clerk Marsh asked to link the purchase of this additional vehicle with the sale of the transit vehicle (owned by the Township) as we would eventually receive the old patrol vehicle. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to proceed with the sale of the Transit vehicle for fair market or Blue book value. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to re-appoint Roger Gaede and Mike McKay to the Township Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve a \$35K pump purchase request that had been recently discussed and considered. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the JDOT proposal to fix drainage issues at 8500 Jefferson Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the refund for 6600 Riverside Road. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment. There was additional comment by Board members under Final Board Comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township