

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 19, 2016 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: Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from resident Roger Gaede and from the Leoni Township Supervisor Howard Linaberry.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$177,370.98 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the police report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the fire report. And to formally appoint Scott Cota as the Columbia Township Fire Chief since he has been in that capacity for some time now. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items; Sewer rates were discussed. The Township Controller provided a power point presentation regarding the status of the Township sewer funds and the necessity for a rate increase. The consensus of the Board is to have documents and information prepared to vote on at an upcoming meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to refund \$75.00 to MR-Builders. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the revised fund balance policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Site Plan for Dawsar Investments, LLP contingent on the approval of Region 2. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. The Columbia Township Board discussed the merits of allowing the County of Jackson to deed 116 Decatur over to Columbia Township, as it did not sell in previous tax sale efforts by the County. The consensus of the Board of Trustees was to reject the option and allow the property to stay in the hands of Jackson County. The Board discussed the proposal and discussions regarding dedication of a fire

vehicle to former Chief Vine Choate. There was extensive discussion on the topic and there may be some future consideration on the concept of recognizing the many people that have contributed so much to the Fire safety efforts in Columbia Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was additional public comment from resident Roger Gaede.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township