

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 17, 2014
7:00p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 17, 2014 at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. The invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

ROLL CALL: Present: Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod.

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave an overview from the County.

Public Comments: There was public comment from resident Darlene Lash and additional public comment from Resident Mike Raczkowski and Brooklyn Village manager Jennifer Coe.

Supervisor Elrod stated that the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod made a motion to add to the agenda as a discussion the proposed resolution from the City of Jackson opposing recent efforts by the legislature to deregulate utilities to encourage competition. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod motioned to add the re-appointment of Barb Beamish to the ZBA. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod motioned to add the approval of the Heart of the Lakes Recreation Commission plan as an action item. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Tackett to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,213,227.73 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

CONTROLLERS REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the report from the Controller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Tackett, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the report from the Fire Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the report from the Fire Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following items; a letter from the City of Jackson and a proposed resolution opposing recent efforts by the Michigan legislature to deregulate utility companies. Supervisor Elrod indicated that the issue could be addressed at a future meeting in order to offer State Representatives Mike Shirkey and Earl Poleski an opportunity to provide their perspectives on the issue.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the amended UVSL Franchise agreement, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to renew the liability insurance with EMC Insurance, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to renew the health insurance, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the 2014 Dust Control agreement with JDOT, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Clerk Marsh to authorize the Police Chief to replace at his discretion a part time officer position, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Elrod to re-appoint Barb Beamish to the ZBA, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Trustee Beamish asked to abstain from the vote. A motion by Tackett to approve of the abstention was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Abstention approved. The original motion was called. Ayes all. Beamish Abstained. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to table the proposed Heart of the Lakes Recreation Commission Plan until a special meeting can be called, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was additional public comment from resident Mike Raczkowski.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Treasurer Calhoun suggested that the Board may have to look at rates for Lake Columbia sewer customers. Clerk Marsh mentioned the upcoming Village of Brooklyn election.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:05p.m. by Clerk Marsh, seconded Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township