

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 18, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Assistant Fire Chief Cota.

Invocation was given by Treasurer Calhoun.

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

A report from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was given by Commissioner Phil Duckham.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion to add the Clark Lake boat launch status as Discussion Item 10b was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod requested to have a motion to add an invoice from Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$39,500 to the agenda as Action Item 11h. The motion was made by Trustee Beamish and was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Motion carried. A motion to add a proposed version of an RFP for seal coating and crack repairs of the parking lot was made by Supervisor Elrod. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Clerk Marsh referred to the Accounts Payables and referenced one of the payables that would provide reimbursement of mileage for the Supervisor which is against Township Policy. A motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of 302,296.08 was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Elrod. On a roll call vote: Nays – Deland, Reynolds, Marsh, Tackett, and Beamish. Ayes – Calhoun and Elrod. Motion failed.

A motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of 302,123.60 (which excluded the mileage reimbursement) was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Reynolds and Deland. Nays – Calhoun and Elrod. Motion carried. Clerk Marsh suggested that the Supervisor seek to have the policy amended or waived for medical necessity.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the Controller's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Tackett was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Cota provided the overview of the fire report in

the Chief's absence. Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Supervisor Elrod handed out the Assessors report, which reported that the Assessor had provided notice of her resignation due to her acceptance of a new job closer to her home, the resignation is effective at the end of the month. A motion to accept the resignation of the Assessor was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Trustee Deland was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Assessor's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items; The Controller provided a Power Point Presentation regarding the issues with the Vineyard Lake sewer fund. Treasurer Calhoun discussed concerns regarding the poor condition of the Township boat launch at Clark Lake. General discussion was that the Supervisor had mentioned some information and possible assistance from the DNR last year and the Supervisor should follow up and provide an update with information to the Board. Supervisor Elrod indicated that he would get more information. The Supervisor's draft RFP for seal coating and crack filling was discussed but not approved by the Board of Trustees.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to table the recommended fund balance designations until the October 20, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to adopt the amended IT policy and procedure. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Elrod stated that the Township Insurance Company had only paid \$44,502.76 in legal fees to defend the Township against the sewer litigation filed by Leoni Township. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the changes in insurance coverage to the recommended Kansas City Life. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the reduced amount to Jett Pump (minus the shipping charges). The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to hire Justin Shadis as a part time officer for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to hire Jason Vlack as an on call / volunteer firefighter per the fire chiefs recommendation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the \$39,500 for retro fit grinders for the Clark Lake system. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the \$11,810.32 to Milan Supply. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to receive and accept with regret the resignation of Josh Hudson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to go into closed session "To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body." Was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod Nays – None. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 9:14pm.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to come out of Closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Elrod. Nays – None. Motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 10:01pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to direct the Township Attorney to take legal action in order to resolve the ordinance violations by the LCPOA and to bring the issues into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to direct the Township Attorney to take legal action in order to resolve the ordinance violations by resident Tamara Parker and to bring the issues into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to direct the Township Attorney to take legal action in order to resolve the ordinance violations by Allen Seger on Virginia Court and to bring the issues into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township