

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
December 16, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: 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 by Clerk Marsh to add a Performance Resolution to the agenda as action item 11f. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Supervisor Elrod made a motion to move the fire report to the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Tackett to approve the Agenda as amended was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$171,418.93 was made by Treasurer Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Trustee Tackett to receive and file the Assessor's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Moved to the consent agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the following topics; Supervisor Elrod provided an update on the ongoing sewer litigation. Trustee Reynolds asked if there was consensus of the Board to direct our LRUA Representative John Calhoun to make a motion to suspend indefinitely any future meetings. The Board had a consensus opinion that the LRUA meetings are not productive and therefore should be suspended. There was a presentation and discussion with Ken Arnold from OHM regarding some possible alternatives involving sewer concerns.

There was also a discussion on the Supervisor's proposal to increase the compensation for inspectors. The Controller provided an analysis on the matter and indicated that her calculations could not support the proposal. She suggested that perhaps the Board could consider increasing the fee paid to the inspectors to \$55.00 but not the retainer at this time (to keep the budget in the building department in the black).

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the proposed oil lease for 8500 Jefferson Road, was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the school tax collection agreement with Columbia School District was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the school tax collection agreement with Napoleon School District was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire John Pauli as the Assistant Assessor with a standard probationary period was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Deland to adopt the Performance resolution to allow Brooklyn DPW to work in the state right of way on behalf of Columbia Township was seconded by Trustee Tackett. On a role call vote: Ayes – Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. Resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was further public comment by resident Harry Krouse and John Minar. There was also comment by Holly Cogan.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township