

REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 20, 2012
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 20, 2012 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 Treasurer Calhoun.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Marsh, Calhoun, Deland, Raczkowski and Elrod
Trustee Beamish and Trustee Reynolds were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Residents Jeff Willaert and Joyce Brighton-Willaert were allowed to speak during discussion item 10a.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Clerk Marsh to postpone action items 11a, 11b and 11d until a special meeting to be called for February 22, 2012, was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the agenda with the change by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$1,409,310.43 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

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

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the report from the Controller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On the consent agenda.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the fire department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes – Marsh, Calhoun and Elrod. Neys - Raczkowski and Deland. Motion carried.

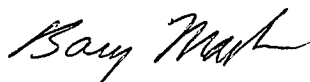
DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the Pointe Bar & Grill sign at the corner of Jefferson and Eagle Point Drive. Supervisor Elrod recognized Residents Jeff Willaert and Joyce Brighton-Willaert. They spoke to their concerns involving the sign and how the Township handled the situation. Supervisor Elrod indicated that he had made mistakes in the matter and that based on the opinion of our attorney the sign was granted in error and it was coming down either by the Dunigan's or by the Township and a bill would be sent to the Dunigan's. Treasurer Calhoun spoke to possible upgrades to the Township Park at Clark Lake. There was discussion and Trustee Raczkowski would like to have more information on how much we spend on our parks. There was also discussion on a possible rate increase from Leoni Township, but there were not enough facts to present. Treasurer Calhoun gave a power point presentation on the refunding of the Vineyard and Lake Columbia sewer bonds.

ACTION ITEMS: A resolution to approve the proposed business plan for the LRUA was postponed until February 22, 2012. The Cable franchise agreement was postponed. A motion by Clerk Marsh to refund the application fee to Tom Petitto and George Savinicki as the Township should not have accepted the money since there was no standing to grant their request was seconded by Trustee Deland. Trustee Raczkowski offered an amendment to send a bill to the Jackson County Road Commission and then we could refund the money to Petitto and Savinicki. Motion failed due to lack of support. Ayes all on Clerk Marsh's motion that was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. The question to approve the refunding of the Vineyard & Lake Columbia sewer bonds was postponed until the February 22, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township