

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 20, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 20, 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 Joe Michalsky.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

**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 public comment by Douglas North and also from resident Roger Gaede.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Supervisor Elrod asked that the Assessing, Fire and Sewer reports be moved to the consent agenda. A motion by Clerk Marsh to move the Assessing, Fire and Sewer reports to the consent agenda was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to approve the consent agenda with the understanding that Supervisor Elrod would review and provide an update to the Board (for the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting) on the pros and cons of the request made by resident Cindy Forgione in her letter dated January 14, 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$308,224.82 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

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

**SEWER REPORT:** Moved to the consent agenda.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the following topics; Representatives from the Jackson Department of Transportation; Joe Michalsky and Jerry discussed the upcoming plans for work to be done on Jefferson Road.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the proposed purchase of sewer equipment in the amount of \$35,766 plus freight, was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. The proposal by Supervisor Elrod to increase the compensation for the Township Inspectors was discussed and a motion to approve a retainer fee for each Inspector was offered by Treasurer Calhoun. Trustee Reynolds indicated that he would consider supporting Treasurer Calhoun's motion. After further discussion, motion by Treasurer Calhoun was withdrawn. The consensus was that the matter needed further analysis, review and discussion since maybe the issue would be more appropriately addressed during the upcoming budget discussions. A motion by Trustee Deland to approve the school tax collection agreement with Jackson County Intermediate School District was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to adopt the Commercial Sewer Charges Resolution, the motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. Resolution adopted. Township Controller McCutcheon clarified that commercial customers will be billed for treatment based on the REU chart provided by Leoni Township, multiplied by \$30.15. The remainder of the charges will be based on monthly meter reads. A motion by Trustee Deland to pay the dues for the River Raisin Watershed Council was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no further public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked Township Eric White to provide an update on the ongoing litigation with Six Brothers and the status of the sign involved.

**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