

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Elrod.

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 no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion to add a proposed solution to the Quality Asphalt issue as Discussion Item 10d was made by Supervisor Elrod. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all, except Clerk Marsh. 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 Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$439,272.69 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Trustee Tackett was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the Assessor's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the proposal submitted to Norvell Township regarding a possible policing agreement, the Supervisor and Police Chief will continue discussions with Norvell and provide an update to the Board. There was discussion on a proposed IT Policy & Procedure, would need further discussion. A draft amendment to Ordinance #53 was discussed. The Supervisor proposed a solution to the ongoing problem that the Township has with the work provided by Quality Asphalt. The consensus of the

Board was to allow Quality the chance to finish the work to the satisfaction of the Township and that it would not be desirable to do business with Quality Asphalt in the future.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Fire Department \$32,000 project request for the replacement of Brush 2. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the purchase of 4 sets of turnout gear for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Tackett to Approve the addition of Emily Doman as a new recruit for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the sewer inventory purchase (dollar amounts reflected on page 77 of the Board packet). The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A

A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the proposed assessor consulting agreement with Brian Small. (There was discussion. The Assessor indicated that she likes to have someone that she can call when she has questions, and she indicated that she could use the help. She also indicated that since the dollar amount is less than what the Township had been paying through the agreement with Summit Township, she thought this was a good deal.) The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all, except Marsh. Motion carried.

Supervisor Elrod provided an update on the matters involving the former Electrical Inspector Mark Fish. The Supervisor indicated that he and Mr. Fish had been having informal conversations over the last two years and at some point Mr. Fish stated that he wanted to make restitution to the Township. The Supervisor stated that he had announced in a recent email that Mr. Fish was going to make payments towards that restitution and then that did not happen. Supervisor Elrod referred to an email that he received most recently that indicated that he was not going to make payment(s) based on the advice of his attorney. Supervisor Elrod indicated that he would like to turn the matter over to Township Attorney White in order for him to seek the restitution on behalf of the Township. The consensus of the Board was to agree with the Supervisor's request to have the attorney handle the matter going forward. Clerk Marsh stated that he believed that the Supervisor should have no further communications with any parties on this matter as it should now be handled by Attorney White.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by resident Allen Seger. The spelling of Mr. Seger's name could not be verified as the Supervisor waived the requirement of filling out a public comment form.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township