

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 17, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by former Supervisor Dan Burich.

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 Resident Mike Raczkowski, Resident Jeff Willaert and Resident Dan Burich.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the agenda as presented was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$317,026.66 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Fire Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on concerns with the sewer system and recent issues involving the ongoing litigation.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Supervisor Elrod to re-appointment Brad Denning to the ZBA, with a term expiring on March 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to re-appoint Terry Mahr to the Planning Commission, with a term expiring on April 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to accept with regret and appreciation for his years of service, the resignation of John Beard from the Board of Review. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Deland to appoint the alternate (John Drlicka) member to fill the B.O.R. vacancy, with a term expiring on January 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to appoint Supervisor Elrod as the FOIA coordinator effective immediately. Supervisor Elrod thanked Clerk Marsh for handling this responsibility for five years, but expressed interest in handling the FOIA coordinator responsibilities for a change. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to authorize the computer upgrades and replacements proposed by David Elwell in conjunction with the recommendation from IT Right. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the Fire Chief's request to add new recruits. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment by Keith Kotsch from the Village of Brooklyn and further comment by Resident Dan Burich.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township