

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Resident Del Anteau.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Tackett, Marsh, Reynolds, Deland, Elrod and John Calhoun.

A report from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was given by Commissioner Phil Duckham.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Resident Cindy Forgione.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to add the Forgione's request as action item 11h. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Trustee Tackett. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Tackett 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 \$142,846.48 was made by Trustee Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Trustee Tackett 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 Trustee Reynolds was seconded by Clerk Marsh 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 Trustee Tackett was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Further changes were made to the proposed 2014/2015 Budget. A budget hearing will be scheduled for 6pm, June 16th, 2014, with anticipated approval at the 7pm, June 16th, 2014 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to waive the Township's Right of 1st Refusal for 2014 and adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett and Elrod. Nays – None. Resolution adopted. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to authorize the Installment Payment Agreement for new sewer installation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to authorize the IT Right Service Contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to authorize the IT Right Backup Agreement. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to authorize the IT Right Web/email hosting contract. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Site Plan Application for Seven Brothers showroom based on the approval of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to offer seasonal Assessing fieldworker positions to Delores Taylor and Gordon McCalla. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the refund of monies paid by Dominick and Cindy Forgione for a Re-Zoning request. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all – Except Elrod. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Cindy Forgione.

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Tackett expressed concerns regarding the expense of having an attorney available at meetings and the previously proposed compensation for Township Trustees based on meeting attendance. Trustee Reynolds provided an update of the Planning Commission's work to update the Township Zoning Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township