

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Elrod.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from resident Dr. Ed Plentz.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion by Supervisor Elrod to move the fire report and the sewer report to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Reynolds to move action item 11e to 11a1 was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to combine discussion item 10b with action item 11i. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Treasurer Calhoun and seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Clerk Marsh and seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$189,900.72 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. 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 Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the Police Chief's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Moved to consent agenda.

SEWER REPORT: Moved to consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the following items;

Attorney White provided a verbal update on pending legal matters. The RFP for the proposed roof project was approved by a consensus of the Board. Once bids are submitted the information will be presented to the Board for a decision on which vendors and contractors to be awarded the bids. The proposed large public gathering

ordinance was reviewed. Board members should submit any suggested changes or questions and the matter will be on a future agenda.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items.

A motion to approve the proposed resolution language opposing the Jackson County Street naming & addressing ordinance was made by Trustee Reynolds and seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. Motion to adopt the Resolution language carried. A motion to approve the request for authorization for a total of 10 retro fit grinder kits was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to adopt the Resolution to place delinquent assessments on the December tax bills, which was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. The resolution was read aloud by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes – Beamish, Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds and Elrod. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the proposal to sell the two older ford vehicles (utilized by staff), the 1993 (Brush 2) pickup truck and to purchase the proposed Transit Connect vehicle. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote. Ayes – Tackett, Beamish, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds and Elrod. Motion carried. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to authorize the purchase of the proposed copy machine from AOS. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the refund request regarding a conditional use application for 12109 South M-50. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the school tax collection agreement for Napoleon Schools. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Attorney Hilderley provided a recap of the recent court ruling on the REU lawsuit. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to go into closed session with Attorney Hilderley and Township Controller McCutcheon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes – Marsh, Tackett, Reynolds, Calhoun and Elrod. The closed session started at 9:26 pm. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to return to open session was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes – Marsh, Calhoun, Tackett, Reynolds and Elrod. The open session started at 10:07pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township