

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

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 no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Clerk Marsh to add a proposed contract for Township Inspectors to the agenda as action item 11g. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Agenda was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$299,402.26 was made by Treasurer Calhoun with a reminder from Supervisor Elrod that the check for the asphalt company would be held until the work was completed satisfactorily. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the Sewer report. 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.

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

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the possibility of reclassifying the former Boyce property that is now owned by the County of Jackson to non tax exempt starting with the 2014 tax cycle. Treasurer Calhoun will research the matter further and advise the Board.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to adopt the proposed ACH policy, was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote – Ayes: Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, and Elrod. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to place delinquent assessments on the 2013 Winter Tax bills was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Saw Grant Application in the amount of \$479,796.00 was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote – Ayes: Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Reynolds and Elrod. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to renew the proposed Comcast Tower lease agreement retroactive to November 12, 2012 to 2023 was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to authorize Bishop Land Service to conduct a seismic survey was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to table the proposed contract document for Township Inspectors until the December 16, 2013 meeting was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod will develop further information with the Personnel Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township