

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Invocation was given by Attorney White.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Deland, Reynolds, Marsh, Tackett, Marsh, Beamish 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 Judy Reynolds.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Agenda was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$337,187.87 was made by Trustee Reynolds with the request to hold the check for the new generator until work was completed satisfactorily. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on an application for the Saw Grant process and the question about the fees for the preparation of the Grant Application that would need to be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting. Supervisor Elrod also indicated that FEMA is preparing to drop the Insurance money that they were paying to lower NFIP Insurance rates and that would be bad for many Columbia Township residents. Supervisor Elrod would like to look into a mailing to inform the residents or seek some help from Congressman Walberg.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the audit report presented by Nancy Barton with Willis & Jurasek, was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to amend the fund balance policy was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to establishment of a fund balance designation for Contractual Employees Obligations with \$30,000 to be used for Contractual Retiree healthcare was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Controller's recommendation for annual funding of designated funds was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all.

Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Site Plan Application for Consumers Energy Substation on Vining Street was seconded by Trustee Deland. It was believed that this was also approved at a previous meeting but a vote was taken just in case. Supervisor Elrod stated that he would abstain from the vote if the Board had concerns since he was a Consumers Energy retiree. There were no stated concerns. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to authorize Supervisor Elrod to enter into a residential installment plan for Sewer Installation with a resident of the Township was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Other related documents can be presented to the Board at a future meeting when they are available. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Elrod declared a recess at 8:09 p.m. Trustee Beamish left during the recess due to another obligation. The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Bids from Northen LLC, Kaiser Construction and Hilltop Contracting were opened for the repairs to the 3 bay garage at the Township Hall. A motion by Clerk Marsh to request Supervisor Elrod to prepare a comparison document and make a recommendation at the next scheduled meeting was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Bids from Bendele Excavating and Rappleye Excavating were opened for the Seawall / Shoreline stabilization for the Township Park. A motion by Marsh to award the bid to the lowest bidder Bendele Excavating was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Tackett to approve \$46,940 for a Pulse Mixer (w/out air compressor), More E-1 pumps and Fall Grates was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the HVAC contract with Brooklyn Plumbing and Heating was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

There was final Board comment from Supervisor Elrod handing out the holiday hours and schedule and the proposed clean up day of November 9, 2013. Clerk Marsh reminded people of the November 5, 2013 election that will be administered by the Township in regards to the 2 proposals for Columbia Scholl District. Supervisor Elrod closed with updating the Board with his concerns with the submitted bill from the asphalt company that recently had done work for the Township and indicated that even though the latest bill was for \$90,608 he believed there was room for negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township