

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gene Osborne, USMC Retired.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

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

Trustee Reynolds was absent.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment by property owner David Sellers, resident Del Antos, Harry Haasch, from Ross Township, Sonia Sprague from Franklin Township and Brooklyn Village resident Brian Johnson.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Trustee Deland motioned to add to the agenda a document to appoint Village of Brooklyn resident Brian Johnson to be interim Chairman of the Channel 19 access channel. Motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish to add as discussion item 10c. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to add to the Agenda as action item 11g. a Resolution to increase sewer treatment rates, reduce the Clark Lake Interceptor fee and add a debt service charge to Vineyard Lake sewer customers in Columbia Township was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all, but Supervisor Elrod. Motion carried. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to add a performance evaluation for the Township Assessor as action item 11h was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod reminded the Board that it would be a closed door evaluation based on the request by the Assessor. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$1,310,555.67 was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**SEWER REPORT:** Motion by Treasurer Calhoun was seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Tackett, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the report from the Fire Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Motion carried.

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion after Supervisor Elrod updated the Board on the Township Inspector's positions that were posted last year. Supervisor Elrod will present to the Board in March the recommendations by the Building Inspector and specific concerns regarding the electrical inspector position. There was a presentation about the Jackson County Park at Clark Lake by Brandon Ransom, Director of Jackson County Parks. There was also discussion regarding Trustee Deland's proposal to appoint Village of Brooklyn resident Brian Johnson as Interim Chairman of the Channel 19 access channel.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the RFP for 2013 – 2016 audit services was seconded by Trustee Beamish Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to adopt the MDOT Performance & Indemnification Resolution. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote. Ayes – Deland, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Deland to approve the 2013 Tax Collection agreement for Jackson Community College was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to join the River Raisin Watershed Council for the amount of \$482.10 was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to table Supervisor Elrod's proposal for Board room repairs was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod will present the proposal and a policy for hall usage at the March Board meeting. No action was taken on Supervisor Elrod's request to pay Ripstra & Scheppelman, Inc. Engineering \$980.00 to prepare a cost estimate for the Heart of the Lakes Recreation Committee. Supervisor Elrod declared the request dead due to natural causes. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to adopt the resolution to increase sewer treatment rates, reduce the Clark Lake Interceptor fee and add a debt service charge to Vineyard Lake sewer customers in Columbia Township was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote. Nays – Beamish, Tackett, Marsh and Deland. Ayes – Calhoun and Elrod. Motion failed. Resolution not adopted. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to go into Closed Session to conduct the Performance evaluation for the Assessor. (His request for a closed session) was seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote. Ayes – Marsh, Tackett, Beamish, Calhoun, Deland and Elrod. Motion carried. Board went into Closed Session. The Board of Trustees came out of Closed Session at 10:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was further public comment from residents Ray Kuzminski, Roger Gaede and Mike Raczkowski.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township