

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Johnson, Norvell Township Supervisor.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, 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 Village resident Janet Knutson and Norvell Township Supervisor Eric Johnson.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Trustee Reynolds motioned to add to the agenda a discussion item on beach improvement to the Clark Lake County Park and a DNR Grant Application as an action item that was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod motioned to add to the agenda action item 11i the direction of the Deputy Assessor position which was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun 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 \$148,164.72 was made by Trustee Reynolds, 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 Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the Controller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the report from the Police Department and approve the renewal of the training consortium agreement. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the status of the Brush 2 fire vehicle. The consensus of the Board was to monitor the status and be made aware of any additional problems. There was also discussion

about beach improvements for the Township Park at Clark Lake and the manner in which the Deputy Assessor position should be filled.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to renew the EMC liability insurance policy with the Ted Hartleb agency was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the amended Township hall rules that were seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the amended hall rental agreement was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the quoted board room improvements was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all – except Trustees Deland and Beamish. Motion carried. A motion to appoint the Bartlow Corporation, Howard McMullen, James Weichs and Scott Ellison as the Township Inspectors was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all – Except Trustee Deland and Treasurer Calhoun. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to share the cost of an engineering study with Jackson County for the Clark Lake County Park shoreline restoration was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to appoint John Calhoun as the Township’s representative to the River Raisin Watershed Council was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to authorize the submission of the 2013 FEMA AFG grant (with the understanding that the Fire Chief would still need the authorization of the Board to make any purchase of equipment) was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to submit a DNR Passport grant application for possible bathroom facilities at the Clark Lake Township park was seconded by Clerk Marsh (with the understanding that the Board would have the option to not pursue the project, if that was a decision of the Board). Ayes all – except Trustees Deland, Beamish and Tackett. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was further public comment from resident Steve Tackett, a representative from the Stewardship, and resident Roger Gaede.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township