

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 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 Assessor Ruth Scott

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Raczkowski, Deland, Calhoun, Marsh, Beamish and Elrod
Trustee Reynolds was absent.

County Commissioner Julie Alexander gave an update from Jackson County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to move the Treasurer's report from the consent agenda to department reports was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Deland to add as discussion item 10e to make a change on the personnel committee was seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Raczkowski to add discussion item 10f to discuss the recent bomb threat incident for discussion, was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to add as action item 11f a contract from MIS for Fire Services agreement for the June and August races was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Supervisor Elrod to add as discussion item 10g a proposal for park upgrades was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the agenda with the changes, was seconded Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$217,282.39 by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to Receive and file the report from the Treasurer's Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland 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. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the Jackson County Hazard Mitigation and the recent bomb threat incident at Columbia Middle School. There was discussion on the 2012 Spring Clean up for Columbia Township which was set for Saturday, April 28, 2012 8am – 2pm. There was discussion on the Township's involvement with the People Channel. The consensus was that Supervisor Elrod would be the Township's liaison and report back with more specifics. Treasurer Calhoun gave an update on the refunding of the Vineyard & Lake Columbia bonds during his department report. There was discussion on the composition of the Personnel Committee and that there needs to be more communication to the entire board on certain personnel issues. There was discussion on possible upgrades to the Township Park at Clark Lake.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the insurance quote with the Ted Hartleb agency was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the resolution approving the Liquor License Transfer for the Pointe Bar & Grill was seconded by Trustee Deland. It was noted that the Board already approved a request for this business but the Liquor Control Commission required the process to be done again as the first approval was for the old location and not the new structure that was built for six Brothers LLC. No vote was taken. Resolution not adopted. A motion by Trustee Deland to postpone the renewal of the Health Insurance and consider a straight renewal or option 3 was seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Beamish to combine Election Precinct 3 & 4 the village of Brooklyn would be combined into Precinct 3. Columbia Township would have 3 Precincts (Precinct 1, 2 and 3) and 2 Precinct locations (Columbia Township Hall and Columbia School Fitness Center). Motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. On roll call vote. Ayes – Beamish, Marsh, Calhoun, Deland, Raczkowski and Elrod. Resolution was adopted. The request to approve the purchase of flow meters for the Southern Interceptor was not discussed as the amount is within the Supervisor's authority. A motion by Trustee Deland to approve the MIS contract for Fire Services at the June and August races was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Raczkowski spoke to his gratitude for the reduction in the Cable Franchise Fee. Clerk Marsh made a clarification.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township