

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 16, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 16, 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 Trustee Raczkowski

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave an update from Jackson County. And Marce Wandell from the Jackson Area Agency on Aging spoke regarding the proposed county wide senior millage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Ray Kuzminski made comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clerk Marsh requested to add as discussion item 10c the Supervisor's plans regarding Zoning Administrator. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$126,702.90 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, 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 Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the method of paying certain bills prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. It was the consensus of the Board to continue to follow the Township policy covering this method. Supervisor Elrod gave an update on the potential revenue from sewer scrap. There was discussion on the Supervisor's email regarding the duties of the Zoning Administrator. It was the consensus of the Board that we continue with Steve McLear until Kathy Hyatt returns from leave. And that the Supervisor had enough on his plate.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the 2012 Dust Control resolution with the Jackson County Road Commission. On a roll call vote. Ayes – Beamish, Marsh, Calhoun, Deland and Elrod. Nays – Raczkowski. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the straight renewal of the Health Insurance plan with BCBS, was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to postpone the Land Conservancy Resolution until the May 2012 meeting was seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion to postpone carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to commit the Township for \$1,500 to the HLRC for a grant application the funds will come from the metro fund was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Raczkowski made comment. Supervisor Elrod spoke of future meetings regarding the ongoing sewer litigation. Clerk Marsh spoke to the success of the Township Cleanup day. And thanked Brent Beamish and the Columbia School District for their help in getting the information out to the public.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township