

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 20, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 20, 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 resident Janet Knutson.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by residents John Minar and Mike Raczkowski.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Supervisor Elrod requested to have the building report moved to the department reports and to have the fire report moved to the consent agenda and to remove items 10c and 10e from the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds 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 \$195,935.96 was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Was moved to the consent agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive And file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

BUILDING REPORT: Motion by Trustee Deland, seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the Building Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were no discussion items on the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to table a joint purchase with the Village of Brooklyn until the June 17, 2013 meeting was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to accept the abstention of Supervisor Elrod due to his conflict as a result of 40 years of service with Consumers Energy. Was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the Site Plan for Consumers Energy's substation on Vining Street, Clark Lake was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to authorize the purchase of 10 Bullet Proof Vests for Columbia Township Police Officers as part of the BVP Grant program was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to give initial approval of the Financial Plan resolution for the 2014 Budget was seconded by Clerk Marsh. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Tackett, Marsh, Calhoun, Reynolds and Elrod. Nays – Deland. Motion carried. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Controllers recommendation to transfer the remaining Clark Lake Bond fund was seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Deland, Reynolds, Calhoun, Marsh, Tackett, and Elrod. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to select the auditing firm of Willis & Jurasek for fiscal years 2013 – 2016 was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was further public comment by resident Mike Raczkowski. There was also public comment by residents Debbie Toburen.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township