

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 20, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Zachary Hisson

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Deland, Raczkowski and Elrod.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clerk Marsh referred to 2 pieces of mail to be received as late correspondence. Supervisor Elrod motioned to move the Fire report to the Consent Agenda, the motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish to approve the consent agenda with the above mentioned changes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$353,296.76 by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all except Trustee Deland. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on recent developments for the Government Access Channel (formerly the People Channel). Supervisor Elrod mentioned the tribute to the Fire Department for their efforts to bring the 9/11 Fire Truck to the community. Supervisor Elrod also gave an update on the estimates for asphalt projects or repairs at the Township Hall.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the agreement with Summit Township to share their Assessor until the Township can hire a replacement was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes – Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Deland and Raczkowski. Nays – Elrod. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the RFP for Zoning Ordinance update was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the RFP for Asphalt project or repairs was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes – Marsh, Reynolds, Deland and Elrod. Nays – Raczkowski and Beamish. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the language and rates for the 2013 School tax collection agreements was seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes – Reynolds, Marsh, Beamish, Deland and Elrod. Nays – Raczkowski. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Deland to postpone until the September meeting the request to purchase a new server was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the land combinations for 740 Lakeview at Clark Lake and 10258 Wesch Road, Brooklyn was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to appoint the Deputy Assessor Sue German to act as the Interim Assessor for signature purposes only was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Jennifer Coe from the Village of Brooklyn.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Supervisor Elrod mentioned the upcoming depositions for Treasurer Calhoun and himself due to the litigation with Leoni Township. Trustee Raczkowski thanked everyone involved in the August election.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township