

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 17, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matt Schepeler

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod

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

A report from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was given by Commissioner Julie Alexander.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment by Resident Jeff Willaert.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clerk Marsh referred to a letter from the DEQ regarding the Oakwood Beach Property Owners Assoc. and an email from Ruth Scott, Jackson County Equalization Director and received them as late correspondence. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to add the request by the Jackson County Drain Commissioner to adopt the Resolution (To request county of Jackson to refund outstanding county of Jackson wastewater disposal facility bonds to the agenda as Action Item 11d, was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. 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 Treasurer Calhoun 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 \$171,107.82 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**SEWER REPORT:** Motion by Trustee Deland, 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 Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Controller. 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 Reynolds to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all except Trustee Deland. Motion carried.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion on the recent requirements to make the Township Weather Alert Sirens Narrow band compliant. There was also discussion on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Outdoor Fuel Fired Boilers and Wind Energy Generation. The Board briefly discussed the Rules of Order for the Board of Trustees.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Action was taken on the following items. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to indefinitely postpone the decision on the proposed parking lot project, was seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes –Marsh, Calhoun, Raczkowski, Beamish and Deland. Neys – Elrod and Reynolds. Motion carried. A motion to hire K. Karl Schmidt, Jr. as our new Assessor for \$52,500 was made by Treasurer Calhoun and seconded by Trustee Reynolds. There was discussion and then the motion and support were withdrawn. No action taken on this agenda item. A motion by Trustee Deland to have the Supervisor prepare an RFP for the Board to approve to obtain outside IT support, was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all, except Clerk Marsh. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to adopt the Resolution (To request county of Jackson to refund outstanding county of Jackson wastewater disposal facility bonds), was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes – Beamish, Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Deland, Raczkowski and Elrod. Resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was public comment from Residents Pam Jarvis and Roger Gaede.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT:** Supervisor Elrod mentioned the special meeting on September 25, 2012, 7pm. Trustee Reynolds mentioned the way that Board members address and treat each other.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township