

**REGULAR MEETING  
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 19, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Pledge of allegiance was led by Keith Kotsch.

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh.

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

County Commissioner Phil Duckham gave a report on behalf of the County of Jackson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Del Antos, Jefferson Road made comment. Citizen Ray Kuzminski, Hewitt Road made comment.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Supervisor Elrod asked that the Fire and Police reports be added to the Consent Agenda. Trustee Beamish wanted to hear the reports but wanted them to be brief. Treasurer Calhoun asked that the request for an IFT by Production Saw & Machine be moved to the first Action Item position. Motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$221,243.49 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

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

**SEWER REPORT:** On the Consent Agenda.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** On the Consent Agenda.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** On the Consent Agenda.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** On the Consent Agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** There was discussion by Supervisor Elrod about the Township Cleanup day set for October 8, 2011. There was also discussion on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Wind Energy Generation.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Based on the recommendation of the Assessor, a motion by Treasurer Calhoun to grant Production Saw & Machine an 11 year IFT Tax Exemption Agreement as they meet the requirements set forth by Columbia Township was made, seconded by Trustee Reynolds. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Raczkowski, Deland, Calhoun, Marsh, Reynolds, Beamish and Elrod. Motion carried. Agreement adopted. A motion by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Revised Police Ordinance with the first read, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes – Beamish, Marsh, Reynolds, Calhoun, Deland and Elrod. Neys – Raczkowski. Motion carried. Supervisor Elrod stated that he had previously approved an invoice for \$10,066.91 which was beyond his authorized amount. Trustee Raczkowski demanded an apology from Supervisor Elrod. Supervisor Elrod admitted that he made a mistake and assured the Board that it would not happen again. Motion to pay the bill to Apollo Fire Equipment by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland, Trustee Reynolds and Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Deland to change the FEMA grant application to reflect the need of 19 sets of Turnout gear, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes – Reynolds, Marsh, Calhoun, Raczkowski, Deland and Elrod. Beamish – Ney. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Liquor License request for the Clark Lake Golf Course was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Quotes for codification of Township Ordinances was tabled by Trustee Deland for further analysis and possibly topic of a special meeting, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Estimates for asphalt repairs on Hewitt Court were tabled by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. A motion by Trustee Deland to table the estimates for the Township parking lots was made by Trustee Deland, Seconded by Trustee Reynolds. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk  
Columbia Township