

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 15, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

Invocation was given by Clerk Marsh

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by Brooklyn Village Manager Jennifer Coe. Supervisor Elrod introduced Karl Schmidt the new Assessor.

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clerk Marsh motioned to add the Columbia Township Fee Schedule to the agenda as Action item 11e. was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the Consent Agenda was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$242,827 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Deland, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Fire Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Trustee Beamish, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The 2012 Audit overview was presented by Nancy Barton of Willis & Jurasek. A motion by Trustee Deland, seconded by Trustee Beamish to receive and file the Audit report. Ayes all but Trustee Raczkowski. Motion carried. There was discussion on the Rules of Order for the Columbia Township Board of Trustees. Supervisor Elrod declared a five minute recess to regain order. There was also discussion on Trustee Deland's concerns regarding the Township Policy & Procedure Manual, Grants, Zoning Enforcement and Department head job descriptions. Supervisor Elrod mentioned his ideas on the 2013 meeting schedule and compensation for the four Trustees.

ACTION ITEMS: Action was taken on the following items. A motion by Clerk Marsh to approve the amended Investment Policy was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Raczkowski to adopt the Resolution in support of Credit Card Acceptance was seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun to add the special assessments on the 2012 Winter Tax bills was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Resolution adopted. A motion by Trustee Beamish to approve the Rezoning for 9091 South Meridian Road was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Raczkowski to approve the Columbia Township Fee Schedule was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Residents Pam Jarvis, J.B DeJue, Rick Madison and Don Watkins.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Supervisor Elrod mentioned the special meeting on October 23, 2012, 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Raczkowski, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township