

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 19, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

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

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

County Commissioner Earl Poleski gave an overview from the County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Supervisor Elrod stated the agenda was before us and asked if there were any changes. Treasurer Calhoun stated that the Audit Review by Rehmann Robson will be postponed until the November meeting. A motion by Calhoun to approve the agenda with the above mentioned change, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Trustee Raczkowski requested that items 1, 2 and 5 be moved to action items for further discussion. Motion by Calhoun to approve consent agenda with the preceding change, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payable by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: On the consent agenda.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the consent agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the consent agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussion was heard on the following item; Proposed Rules of Order were passed out to Board members, they can be reviewed for the next 30 days. Please make suggestions to Clerk. This will be on the November agenda.

ACTION ITEMS: Motion by Calhoun to approve the application of Jerry Buck for the Farmland agreement, seconded by Deland. On a roll call vote: Calhoun, Marsh, Beamish, Deland, and Elrod – Ayes. Raczkowski – Nay. Motion carried. Motion by Calhoun to approve new cemetery fees, seconded by Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Calhoun to amend ordinance #59 by Calhoun, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A motion to appoint Michael R. McKay to the planning commission by Beamish, seconded by Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion to approve the agreement with JCA by Beamish, seconded by Raczkowski. Ayes: Raczkowski, Calhoun, Marsh, Beamish, Elrod. Nays: Deland. Motion carried. Motion to restore the 10% maximum match by the Township for the 457B plans by Marsh, seconded by Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Calhoun to approve a budgeted 2% payroll adjustment for nonelected officials, and excluding employees that recently received a promotion or permanent increase, seconded by Marsh. On a roll call vote: Beamish, Deland and Raczkowski Nay. Ayes: Calhoun, Marsh, Elrod. Motion failed. Motion to approve Budget Amendment for Hall & Grounds, Maintenance and Improvements (as long as the Board has final say before money is spent) by Beamish, seconded by Raczkowski. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment by resident Donald Oswald.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Beamish requested that special meetings be planned with some uniformity for greater public input and the scheduling of Board members. Treasurer Calhoun stated that that is what the Supervisor was attempting to do with Supervisor Elrod scheduling the October 12, 2009 meeting at 5pm, a week before the October 19, 2009 meeting. Trustee Raczkowski stated that he wants to be heard on issues and warned the Board of following Federal mandates that tie the Township's hands. Clerk Marsh requested all Board members to really spend some time on the proposed rules of order as we can really benefit by some sense of order. Clerk Marsh also indicated that the proposed agenda is made up by the Executive Committee, but all Board members can request an item be added to the agenda as some have already done.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Beamish, seconded by Calhoun. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Ayes all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township