

**SPECIAL MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 12, 2009**

A special meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Trustee Raczkowski wanted to go on the record that he was opposed to the meeting being at 5:00pm, instead of 7:00pm and on a night that a Board member has a long standing commitment.

Discussion Items:

There was discussion on the following items, Budget issues; potentially higher Constitutional State Shared Revenue of approximately \$82,000.00 and budget amendments as follows; \$10,000 to restore the 10% maximum match for 457B contributions made by Township employees. \$15,000 for a 2% budgeted payroll adjustment for all Non Union employees (excluding elected officials and any employee that was recently promoted). \$4,000 for a second dust control application for Township dirt roads (this would be a spring 2010 application). \$35,000 for Cemetery maintenance and upgrades for 2010. \$10,000 for Hall & ground, Maintenance and Improvements. \$1,000 for a Fall Cleanup for Township residents. \$6,823 for Community Promotion.

A proposal by Jackson Community Ambulance to partner with the township (at no additional cost to the residents) to provide Basic Life Support ambulance service for Columbia Township residents. With a vacancy on the Planning Commission the Supervisor had received the names of Craig Douglas, James Hutchinson, Ray Kuzminski, Michael McKay, Richard Moyer and Robin Tackett as interested applicants. Supervisor Elrod will be recommending one of them to the Board of Trustees on October 19, 2009. No action was taken on any of the above mentioned items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no additional public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Elrod at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township