

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Via Zoom
March 15, 2021
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held (via Zoom meetings format) on Monday, March 15, 2021.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from County Commissioner Phil Duckham.

Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to add action item 9d (Potential date for 20-21 Budget Workshop). The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the agenda as amended and the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables totaling the amount of \$359,987.28 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: The Board was presented with a Special Assessment District request for the unpaved portion of Eagle Point Drive. This request will be considered for action at the April 19, 2021 meeting. The Board agreed by a unanimous consensus with Fire Chief Cota's decision and rationale to change the Township Fire Department licensure status from BLS to MFR. Treasurer Calhoun presented a timeline and presentation of the relevant issues involved in the ongoing sewer litigation. This highlighted the efforts by Columbia Township to address and resolve the situation. The Board will wait for further update from Township Sewer counsel. The Board discussed scheduling a Budget Workshop in later March or perhaps in April.

Action Items: The Board received an update on the Sanitary System Facility and concurred with the presented payment details as previously agreed. The Board heard of requests for reconsideration of monies owed for 154 Hawthorne and 196 Cannes Circle. The Board did not take action reverse the obligation of monies owed by the individual property owners. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve a refund request for 578 S. Woodlands Drive. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the annual renewal of Health Insurance Policy. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. At a later point of the meeting, the Board had no objections to a Fire Department proposal for the disposal and replacement of Rescue 2 as presented. A motion was made by Clerk Marsh to approve the recommendation as presented for Chief of Police and

Salaried compensation (and the necessary MERS documentation). The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all – Except Trustee Deland. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the JCISD and Jackson College School Tax Collection agreements as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Agreements adopted. A motion was made by Trustee Trout to adopt the Resolution to Set Sewer Rates and Charges for the public Sewer system as presented. The motion was seconded by Clerk Marsh. On a roll call vote: Ayes – Deland, Calhoun, Trout, Marsh, Tackett, Beamish and Elrod. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was additional public comment from Kurt Parker and John Hummer.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Marsh".

Barry Marsh, Columbia Township Clerk