

REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 16, 2023
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday October 16, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present Beamish, Deland, Trout, Calhoun, Hulburt, Marsh.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Phil Duckham.

A motion was made by Trustee Deland to amend the agenda to move action item a. "Police Department-Grant, Training" from action to discussion. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to move the Controller's report from the consent agenda to action item n. The motion was seconded by Trustee Trout. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Trustee Deland. The motion was seconded by Trustee Trout. Ayes all, Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: A motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$331,313.96 was made by Trustee Beamish. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

A change was made to the verbiage of action item i. The verbiage was changed from "Streetlight special assessment" to "2023 request to roll delinquent sewer billings and streetlight assessments to the 2023 winter tax bills".

DISCUSSION: There was discussion on the Police Department's request to participate in training for wireless device downloading through an Incumbent Worker Training grant.

ACTION ITEMS 10 a – n. a. Action item a. was moved to discussion. b. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve a staffing request from the Fire Department to hire two paid on call Firefighters. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. c. A motion was made by Trustee Trout to accept the resignation for reason of retirement of Electrical Inspector Martin Riske and to approve Mr. Riske's recommendation to hire Matthew Wood to replace him as the Electrical Inspector for Columbia Charter Township. The motion was seconded by Clerk Hulburt. Ayes all. Motion carried. d. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the expansion of the Clarklake Self Storage. The motion was seconded by Trustee Trout. Ayes all. Motion carried. e. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve the Early Voting Site resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. On a roll call vote; Ayes, Deland, Trout, Calhoun, Beamish, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. f. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Credit Card Acceptance resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Trout. On a roll call vote; Ayes, Beamish, Hulburt, Calhoun, Trout, Deland, Marsh. Motion carried. g. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Investment Policy resolution.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. On a roll call vote; Ayes, Calhoun, Trout, Deland, Beamish, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. h. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Trout. On a roll call vote; Ayes, Trout, Deland, Beamish, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. i. A motion was made by Trustee Trout to approve the 2023 request to roll delinquent sewer billings and the streetlight assessments to the 2023 winter tax bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. j. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve a Mechanical permit refund. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. k. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve a refund of a Building permit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. l. a motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve a pay increase for the Zoning Administrator/ Code Enforcement/ Sewer Asset Manager. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. m. A motion was made by Supervisor Marsh to approve payment to the Clerk for Township Sexton duties from July 2022 to October 2023 retroactive and continue to pay the Clerk payment for the Sexton duties until the Township puts in place a Grounds Manager to take over the position. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Clerk Hulburt abstained from voting. Ayes all. Motion carried. n. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve the Controller to use Michigan Fire Equipment Grant monies for Fire Department equipment purchases. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: There was final Board comment from Trustee Trout about the Township's Planning Commission's recommendation to move to approval the marijuana facilities and the need for Planning Commission members. There was final Board comment from Trustee Beamish about thanking Electrical Inspector Riske for his years of service to the Township. There was public comment from Supervisor Marsh about recommendations for Planning Commission members.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Trout to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Supervisor Marsh closed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.