

REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 20, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Deland, Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Marsh. Absent/Excused Church

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from County Commissioner Phil Duckham on District court costs no longer being collected, Circuit court getting caught up from COVID, Jackson County Airport grant funding, tree work on Jefferson Rd. Liberty Township complete and license plate reading cameras.

Trustee Tackett made a motion to add action item f. filling a vacancy on the Township's Planning Commission to the agenda. Treasurer Calhoun seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Tackett seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh spoke on a petition that was offered to the public for signatures concerning the effort to restore local control of energy siting decisions.

Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Tackett seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Tackett made A motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$548,220.90. Trustee Beamish seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh called for Public Hearings for the special assessment districts for road paving for Grand Pointe Shores, Paula Dr., and Bayview & Imperial Shores.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Jill Nowicki on special assessments needing to be paid off at the point of sale, Marvin Pifer on costs, David Kula on frontage costs, Monica Vincent on petition language.

Discussion Items: The Board heard discussion on automatic accounting for accounts payable.

Action Items 11 a. -f. a. Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the recommendation for grounds mowing. Treasurer Calhoun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ayes; Beamish, Calhoun, Tackett, Hulburt, Marsh. Nayes; Deland. Motion carried. b. Clerk Hulburt made a motion to approve the special assessment resolution No.2-C for road paving for Grand Pointe Shores adding Littlefield Lane to the special assessment. Trustee Deland seconded the motion. On a roll call vote. Ayes; Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Calhoun, Deland, Marsh. Motion carried. c. Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to approve the special assessment resolution No.2 for road paving for Paula Drive. Trustee Tackett seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ayes; Deland, Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. d. Clerk Hulburt made a motion to approve the special assessment resolution No. 4 for road paving for Bayview Shores and Imperial Shores. Treasurer Calhoun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote. Ayes; Tackett, Beamish, Hulburt, Calhoun, Deland, Marsh. Motion carried. e. Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing issuance of 2024 special assessment bonds. Trustee Deland seconded the motion. On a roll call vote. Ayes; Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Deland, Marsh. Motion carried. f. Trustee

Deland made a motion to approve filling a vacant position on the Planning Commission board. Trustee Tackett seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The board thanked Walt Reed for his past commitment to the planning commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Chris Losey on special assessment costs, Larry Johnstone on guarantee of longevity of paving project, John Niehaus on quotes of paving projects.

Steve Mann from Miller Canfield explained that each property owner involved in the projects will receive letters with information pertaining to their special assessments.

FINAL BOARD COMMENTS: There was final board comment from Supervisor Marsh setting a meeting date for the discussion of cannabis regulation, Treasurer Calhoun on the Township's duty to the road paving special assessment districts and on the petition concerning the effort to restore local control of energy siting decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Calhoun made A motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tackett seconded the motion. Ayes all. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jo Hulburt, Columbia Township Clerk