REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 20, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Charter Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday October 20, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Calhoun, Church, Marsh. Deland was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Faith Bull on short- term rentals concerned with loud noise all weekend, fast traffic and event signage being placed on private property. David Zaszczurynski on Vineyard Lake road paving district #2 addressing existing drainage concerns, Dave Swierzbin on Short term rentals concerns and thanking the Board for considering an ordinance, Margaret Randolph on Vineyard Lake road paving district #2 addressing existing drainage concerns, Heather Lee on short term rentals in favor of Township creating an ordinance, Steve Pokornicki on Vineyard Lake road paving district #2 addressing existing drainage concerns, Dale McDorman on Vineyard Lake road paving district #2 thanking Heather Schneider and Briam Small for their instruction on how to move forward with the road paving process and Thanking Jim Cole from the Jackson County Road Commission for addressing the existing drainage concerns, Kelli Volk Bercik on short term rentals in favor of the Township creating an ordinance.

Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to approve the agenda. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the consent agenda. There was support from Trustee Church. Ayes all. Motion carried

Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of $393,674.05. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh announced the public hearing number one for Vineyard Lake Road Paving District #2.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: a-e. a.2026 fiscal year budget public hearing date. Consensus of the Board was to hold the public hearing at the next meeting of the Township Board. b. Sewer fund balance policy proposal to create a fund balance policy for sewer accounts. Allowing for a larger emergency reserve. Consensus of the Board was to continue discussion. c. IT infrastructure assessments and recommendations. Discussing a possible need for a phone system upgrade, looking into a wireless system and working on security. d. Municipal Services Director Clarklake boat launch update. Discussed solutions to repair the boat launch area. Looked at an estimate for repairs. Will need more estimates. Looking into possible DNR based water way grants. Municipal Services Director

introduced the new Sewer repair and maintenance staff to the Board Jeff Simpson, Kory Wilson, Andrew Kraft and Andy Caroen. e. Short term rentals. There was discussion about a focus group with both property owners of the rentals and the property owners of the neighborhoods in the affected areas Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to bring the discussion on short term rentals ordinance back to the Board at the next meeting. There was support from Trustee Tackett, Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS a-e: Trustee Church requested to abstain from the vote on the Special Assessment resolution No. 2 for Vineyard Lake Road Paving #2 because he is a property owner in the district. Clerk Hulburt made a motion to approve Trustee Church's request to abstain. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. a. Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the Special Assessment resolution No. 2 for Vineyard Lake Road Paving #2. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote; Ayes Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. b. Trustee Tackett made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent to collect fees and delinquent billing on the 2025 winter tax bills. There was support from Trustee Church. Ayes all. Motion carried. c. Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the Fund Balance Policy yearly designations. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. d. Trustee Beamish made a motion to approve the Municipal Services request to purchase a salt spreader. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. e. No action was taken on the request to dispose of the Clarklake Park playground equipment. Consensus of the Board was to bring the item back to the Board at the next Board meeting. The Board also discussed the possibility of re-using the equipment if it could be brought into ADA compliance. The Board also discussed a conversation with the "Redwoods for oxygen" group to possibly assist with the planting of trees to replace trees removed at the park. The Board also had discussion on the possibility of creating boat trailer parking at the north end of the park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Police Chief Niles announcing the Police Department's involvement and the accepting of donations for the "Shop with a Cop" program this year.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: There was no final Board comment.

Treasurer Calhoun made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.