

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 24TH 2015 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Larry Burgett. Present were: L. Burgett, S. Corke, K. Curtis, and J. Huizenga. Roll call was taken. 16 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$148,826.65	Road Fund	\$319,165.36
Fire Fund	\$355,649.05	Ambulance Fund	\$87,912.27
Trust and Agency	\$11,109.21	Tax Fund	\$1,101,995.30
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$49,054.11
Police Fund	\$166,603.73	Saddle Lake Fund	\$44,987.74
North Lake Fund	\$20,887.30		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 2-17-15; Special meeting minutes: 2-9-15, 2-24-15, 3-17-15. Invoices thru 3-24-15 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and second by Huizenga to approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed absentee applications for upcoming election. Completed filing, regular payroll, invoices, minutes, synopsis, and notices. Happy Easter.

GUEST SPEAKER: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Working on the road work for the year.

ASSESSOR: None

FIRE CHIEF: Call fire department if you will be burning large debris piles leave message of address of burn. 269-434-6266. Check your smoke detectors. Fire Department had 8 calls for March. Average time to a scene is 8 to 9 minutes; these times represent fires in other townships for assistance.

POLICE: 9 traffic stops, 5 verbal warnings, 7 citations issued, 9 general non-criminal complaints, 4 arrests misdemeanor, 2 felony arrests, 2 criminal complaints.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: It has been recommended to the Board to approve a special use permit for Ricks Tractor Service. It will be a good addition to the community. The commission /zoning did find an old road that has never been developed or used that will have to be resolved by Ricks Tractor Service. Website making progress. It may have a comment section.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: We will have a memorial service again this year in the Grand Junction cemetery. Please come to the monthly meetings so that we can inform YOU.

HOSPITAL: Volunteers are still needed call 269-637-5271. New Dr. Bleil has joined SHHS. The SHHS is working on community needs to help serve the community in better ways. SHHS now offers help for sleep disorders.

SENIOR SERVICES: Senior nite at Columbia Township; receive a **FREE** meal by Senior Services once a month. Senior City in South Haven also offers a **FREE** meal once a month. Activities available at Senior City are: Tai Chi, Hand Chimes, Computer lessons, Pickle ball, Card games, Line Dancing, call 269-637-3607 for more information.

RECREATION/BALL FIELD: No report.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: No requests.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Corke second by Huizenga to approve resolution 2015-08 meeting dates. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Corke second by Curtis to approve resolution 2015-09 monthly expenditures. Motion carried.
- 3.) Motion by Corke second by Huizenga to approve resolution 2015-10 salaries. Motion carried.
- 4.) Motion by Corke second by Curtis to approve resolution 2015-11 banking institutions. Motion carried.
- 5.) Motion by Corke second by Huizenga to approve resolution 2015-12 fire levy. Motion carried.
- 6.) Motion by Corke second by Curtis to approve resolution 2015-13 budget adoption. Motion carried.
- 7.) Motion by Corke second by Curtis to approve resolution 2015-14 budget amendments. Motion carried.
- 8.) Motion by Burgett second by Curtis not to accept any bids for the parcel # 80-06-011-011-25. Motion carried.
- 9.) Motion by Curtis second by Huizenga to accept the bid from Mr. Pensinger for the lots in Little Bear Subdivision for \$505.00 and costs; tax ID #80-06-280-604-00.
- 10.) Motion by Corke second by Burgett to approve special use permit for Ricks Tractor Service. Motion carried.
- 11.) Motion by Curtis second by Burgett to pay Denise Hartmann \$3500.00 for work on the township website.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga second by Corke. Time 7:50pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk