

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19TH 2015 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Larry Burgett. Present were: L. Burgett, S. Corke, R. Hurley and J. Huizenga. Roll call was taken. 13 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$123,554.20	Road Fund	\$401,072.73
Fire Fund	\$338,809.98	Ambulance Fund	\$87,912.27
Trust and Agency	\$11,109.21	Tax Fund	\$167,466.81
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$49,062.64
Police Fund	\$177,348.95	Saddle Lake Fund	\$44,012.35
North Lake Fund	\$20,887.30		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 4-21-15; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 5-19-15 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Filing, synopsis, minutes, notices, completed the May election. Completed online classes required by SOS office. I completed all after election forms. I completed payroll and invoices. Thank you election workers.

GUEST SPEAKER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

SUPERVISOR: No report.

ASSESSOR: None

FIRE CHIEF: Call fire department if you will be burning large debris piles leave message of address of burn 269-434-6266. Keep a water hose or a bucket of water if planning on burning. We have had 2 grass fires already. Check your smoke detectors. Fire Department had 10 calls for May. Average response time 9.19 minutes in 2014. With the heat of the summer season approaching keep your, self hydrated on hot days and try not over work your body on hot days. Heat stroke can be fatal.

POLICE: 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 3 general non-criminal complaints, 1 criminal complaint.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Still evaluating the surveys.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: June 4th is the next meeting; on the agenda will be how to handle firearms. Please come to the monthly meetings so that we can inform YOU.

HOSPITAL: Volunteers are still needed call 269-637-5271. PA Chris Briggs will be helping out at the Cooper Clinic. On April 22nd the SHHS honored its volunteers. Work has begun on the boiler system. Annual golf event will be on July 12th, 2015 at Hawksheads Golf Course.

SENIOR SERVICES: Senior night 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. Fishing club starts on June

17th at Lake Cora. Introduction to kayaking on Maple Lake June 24th. Chicago train trip and boat tour July 15th. 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. There is a trip planned in June to visit the Capitol in Lansing.

CEMETERY: There is now a cemetery committee. Hope to get some of the issues in the cemeteries resolved with this committee.

BALL FIELD: 9 Teams are using the ball field; games are on Tuesdays.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: Request from Flammang.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve expansion of Transfer station to add another dumpster, not to exceed \$5600.00. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Burgett seconded by Huizenga to approve \$3000.00 for state construction code library which will be owned with other counties and townships. Cass and Van Buren. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Does the township have to purchase the code books, are they not available on-line.

BOARD COMMENTS: Happy Memorial Day.

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

Larry Burgett, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk