

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16TH 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, R. Hurley and J. Huizenga. Roll call was taken. 12 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$151,250.38	Road Fund	\$405,320.61
Fire Fund	\$336,372.52	Ambulance Fund	\$87,952.53
Trust and Agency	\$2,828.36	Tax Fund	\$4,389.69
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,664.00
Police Fund	\$190,363.02	Saddle Lake Fund	\$49,323.41
North Lake Fund	\$24,466.44		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 5-19-15; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 6-16-15 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Filing, synopsis, minutes, and notices.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mike Bedford

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. 4 structure fires; 1 @ Lee Twp, 3 @ South Haven, 2 grass fires, 1 power line down.

POLICE: 10 traffic stops, 10 verbal warnings, 8 general non-criminal complaints, 5 criminal complaints. 2 arrests misdemeanor.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: New surveys in the summer tax bill. May have a big store building in Grand Junction, we have been approached by Family Dollar Store. Changes would need to be made as per a square footage allowance for building size; so that is being looked into.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: July 2nd is the next meeting. Please come to the monthly meetings so that we can inform YOU.

HOSPITAL: Volunteers are still needed call 269-637-5271.

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. The committee will meet with the cemetery maintenance to address the issues in the cemetery.

BALL FIELD: The ball field is being used tonight. Games are on Tuesdays.

ZONING: Upon being approached by Family Dollar it is recommended to change areas in town to commercial.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: No requests.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve the purchase of 15 new air packs for the fire department; not to exceed \$94,000.00. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Corke seconded by Hurley to approve the office being closed July 4th, 2015 in observance of Independence Day. Motion carried.
- 3.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2015-15 temporary mechanical inspector for the Township due to Ed Wainwright having a medical emergency. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Van Buren wants to increase property tax rate, does the board now why?

BOARD COMMENTS: Happy 4th of July!!! We have switched to new tax bill Mailer Company. The township is receiving a better rate with the new company.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis. Time 8:00 pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk