

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20TH 2015 7:00PM**

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$166,202.38</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>\$338,651.07</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$285,706.85</b>	<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	<b>\$89,734.41</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b>\$2,828.84</b>	<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$14,757.18</b>
<b>Liquor</b>	<b>\$3,922.64</b>	<b>House Fund</b>	<b>\$49,148.10</b>
<b>Police Fund</b>	<b>\$174,161.20</b>	<b>Saddle Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$45,804.16</b>
<b>North Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$18,344.15</b>		

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 9-15-15; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 10-20-15 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Completed 80 election ballots and tested voting equipment. Payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis, filing and appointed inspectors for the election.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

**SUPERVISOR:** No report.

**ASSESSOR:** No report.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Call fire department if you will be burning large debris piles leave message of address of burn 269-434-6266. Clear area around where you are going to burn. Month of September there was 8 calls. 5 calls were structure fires. 1 power line down. We are putting 5 people through class this year. Time to check the batteries on smoke detectors. Please have your address for your home in a clear and visible location in case the ambulance/fire department needs to get to your home.

**POLICE:** County is updating and installing a new report system and it is not complete yet, so deputy has no report this month.

**COUNTY COMM:** 2 deputies have been honored by MADD that are from Van Buren County Sheriff. We now have a safe heart program. Supreme Court of Michigan will be at the Paw Paw School to hold session on a case.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** We have compiled the questionnaires from the tax bill. Blight is an issue; Fireworks are an issue and boating.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Please come to the monthly meetings so that we can inform YOU. Forms are available now if you are leaving town and would like a house check done by Deputy.

**HOSPITAL:** Volunteers are still needed call 269-637-5271. The SHHS has 8 new providers. Internal medicine welcomes Dr. Orandi. Cardiologist Dr Akrami has now joined the SHHS team. Dr. Nikkel has

also joined SHHS he is and orthopedic surgeon. Two new employees to the urgent care are Katrina Allen FNP-C, and Kevin Ferrell a PA. Please remember to donate blood if you can; there is always a shortage. SHHS members participated in a live shooter drill at the South Haven High School.

**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. 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.

**CEMETERY:** Quiet in the cemetery.

**BALL FIELD:** No report until spring.

**ZONING:** No report.

**LAWSUIT:** No report.

**FOIA REPORT:** 1 request.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to table fire station electrical repairs. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve trick or treating hours for October 31, 4pm to 6pm. Motion carried.
- 3.) Motion by Corke seconded by Hurley to close the Township Hall November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Motion carried.
- 4.) Motion by Hurley seconded by Curtis to accept snow plow bid for the Township Hall from LCP Property Management K. Gasper; 2015-2016. Motion carried.
- 5.) Motion by Hurley seconded by Corke to accept snow plow bid for 2015-16 at the Fire Stations from S& H Dependable. Motion carried.
- 6.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve audit 2014-15 performed by Siegfied & Crandall. Motion carried.
- 7.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve the overlay district for Grand Junction recommended by planning commission and approved by the County. Motion carried.
- 8.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve G. Freestone to install electrical outlets to the poles in Grand Junction for Christmas decorations and for the township to purchase decorations. Not to exceed \$4000.00. Motion carried.
- 9.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2015-20 John Hancock resolution. Motion carried.
- 10.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to purchase a generator for the township hall, not to exceed \$6845.71. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time 7:44pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor  
Stacey Corke, Clerk