

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17TH 2015 7:00PM**

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. Absent: L. Burgett. Roll call was taken. 13 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$151,655.03	Road Fund	\$317,116.33
Fire Fund	\$275,065.41	Ambulance Fund	\$89,786.90
Trust and Agency	\$2,828.96	Tax Fund	\$13,265.58
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,761.81
Police Fund	\$173,978.90	Saddle Lake Fund	\$32,269.75
North Lake Fund	\$19,091.63		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 10-20-15; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 11-17-15 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Curtis to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed election and tested voting equipment. Payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing and notices. Checked completed bridge work on 24th Ave. Happy Thanksgiving.

GUEST SPEAKER: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Add as #5 Mta Conference funds. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis. Motion carried.

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 October there was 10 calls. 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. Worked 18 days in Township. Completed 52 property checks. Criminal complaints 14, non-criminal 7. 15 traffic stops and 7 citations.

COUNTY COMM: No report.,

PLANNING COMMISSION: We are compiling information for the master plan.

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

FP-C, and Kevin Ferrell a PA. The womans center has been moved to the Medical Office Building. Books are fun will be held on Monday, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st in the hospital lobby. Counselors are available to help with the health care marketplace system cal 269-639-2985. The Wellness Center is offering 50% off enrollment during November. Please remember to donate blood if you can; there is always a shortage.

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. Please spread the word about the help the Senior Services offers. Help a senior today for many are in need.

CEMETERY: Working in the Thompson Cemetery.

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: None.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve electrical work for fire station 1 not to exceed \$5300.00. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Corke seconded by Hurley to accept petition from property owners on North Lake for lake aeration for special tax assessment district resolution 2015-22. Motion carried.
- 3.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to close the Township Hall December 25th, 26th 2015 and January 1st and 2nd 2016 for the Holidays. Motion carried.
- 4.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to accept police contract with Van Buren County Sheriff for 2016. Motion carried.
- 5.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve \$1500.00 for MTA Annual Conference 01-2016. Motion carried.
- 6.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve \$545.00 for duct cleaning at the Township Hall. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: The work is in progress for the installation of outlets for the Christmas Decorations. Thank you to the elections workers. Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time 7:40pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk