

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15TH 2015 7:00PM**

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A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by Supervisor L. Burgett. Present were: L. Burgett, S. Corke, K. Curtis, R. Hurley and J. Huizenga. Roll call was taken. 20 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$122,352.33</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>\$317,116.33</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$261,495.20</b>	<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	<b>\$89,812.73</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b>\$2,829.08</b>	<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$20,960.59</b>
<b>Liquor</b>	<b>\$3,922.64</b>	<b>House Fund</b>	<b>\$48,761.81</b>
<b>Police Fund</b>	<b>\$167,748.96</b>	<b>Saddle Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$31,562.72</b>
<b>North Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$19,081.86</b>		

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 11-17-15; Special meeting minutes: 11-24-15. Invoices thru 12-15-15 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Curtis to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing and notices. Merry Christmas.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Chip Ray road commission

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**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 November there was 9 calls. It is 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:** Completed 11 traffic stops, issued 4 citations. Gave 10 verbal warnings and assisted 5 other departments. Had 1 larceny complaint and 1 alarm activation. There was 4 general assists.

**COUNTY COMM:** The bridge on CR 215 has collapsed and we are in the process of finding out the costs to replace and rebuild. The village of Breedsville does not have the funds to do this, insurance may cover some costs but it is still early in the plans. The bridge will be out of order for quite some time. The drug /non-violent programs are help tremendously in the county we have a good success rate with the programs to rehabilitate persons with these issues.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Working on section 6 of the Master Plan for the township. First item in the section is a vision statement. Second item in the section is goals and objectives, goals have not been changed since 2009.

**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. The woman's center has been moved to the Medical Office Building. Books are fun will be held on Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** No work until spring in Thompson cemetery.

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

**ZONING:** No report.

**LAWSUIT:** No report.

**FOIA REPORT:** 4 requests from Speicher.

**CORRESPONDENSE:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve repair/replace Smokey bear sign for fire station 1 not to exceed \$1800.00. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Hurley seconded by Corke to table Mutual Aid agreement. Motion carried.
- 3.) Motion by Burgett seconded by Huizenga to table North Lake Aeration Special Assessment. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pass mutual aid resolution with the condition that attorney approves it.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Hope everyone likes the Christmas decorations in town.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 7:50pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk