

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22ND 2016 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by Supervisor L. Burgett. Present were: L. Burgett, S. Corke, K. Curtis and J. Huizenga. Absent: R. Hurley. Roll call was taken. 17 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$180,632.23	Road Fund	\$468,321.84
Fire Fund	\$336,589.20	Ambulance Fund	\$89,890.98
Trust and Agency	\$2,829.00	Tax Fund	\$548,794.51
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,794.57
Police Fund	\$233,800.54	Saddle Lake Fund	\$29,549.00
North Lake Fund	\$17,432.69		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 2-16-16; Special meeting minutes: 2-26-2016. Invoices thru 3-22-16 and treasurers report. Motion by Curtis and seconded by Corke to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed election and we processed 499 voters. Thank you to the election workers. Completed budgets for the township. Completed the following: agendas; payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing; notices and resolutions. Happy Easter.

GUEST SPEAKER: Annie Brown. Ron Douglas representing Dave Walker for Sheriff campaign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Easter Egg Hunt March 26th @ 10:00 am at Columbia Township Hall; sponsored by fire department.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Still working on road work for this year.

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 February there was 11 calls. 2 assist to Lee Twp; 2 assist to Bangor Twp; 2 down power lines and 4 Medical 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 4 traffic stops, issued 3 citations. Gave 6 verbal warnings and assisted 4 other departments. There were 8 criminal/12 non-criminal complaints. There were 0 arrests. There was 1 larceny. There was 3 general assists.

COUNTY COMM: Adding new "wording" to proposals on ballot in elections.

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. Planning commission next meeting will be a public hearing to gather information from the public as to where or what they would like to see in Columbia Townships future-present.

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. Please remember to donate blood if you can; there is always a shortage. SHHS is considering a partner. SHHS will be reaching out to the Townships to attend the meetings and inform the communities of the situation. SHHS has partnered with the Daisy Foundation one of the few in Michigan to honor nurses. 240 community members received free cholesterol screening in February.

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 report.

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: 2 requests.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve ZBA application. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to approve Resolution 2016-03. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2016-04. Motion carried.
- 3.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2016-05. Motion carried.
- 4.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2016-06. Motion carried.
- 5.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2016-07. Motion carried.
- 6.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2016-08. Motion carried.
- 7.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2016-09. Motion carried.
- 8.) Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2016-10. Motion carried.
- 9.) Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve 2 person to attend fire training class; not to exceed \$150.00. Motion carried.
- 10.) Motion by Curits seconded by Corke to approve purchase of new bay door openers for departments 1 & 2 and not to exceed \$4500.00. Bid given to Quality Doors of SH. Motion carried.
- 11.) Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to table Ambulance Contract. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENTS: Happy Easter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 8:04pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk