

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16TH 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. 10 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$169,543.79	Road Fund	\$381,842.87
Fire Fund	\$298,987.80	Ambulance Fund	\$89,839.69
Trust and Agency	\$2,829.00	Tax Fund	\$521,636.26
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,794.57
Police Fund	\$188,051.82	Saddle Lake Fund	\$30212.13
North Lake Fund	\$17,430.00		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 1-19-16; Special meeting minutes: none. Invoices thru 2-16-16 and treasurers report. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Curtis to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Tested voting equipment, attended e-learning class for elections, payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing and notices. Completed 60 a.v. ballots thus far for the upcoming election.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chip Ray road commission. Try for a grant to fix the CR 215 bridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Turned in ditch mowing, gravel and seal coat requests to county for 2016.

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 January there was 7 calls. Currently have 4 people in class. We are trying to restart Columbia Rescue. 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 10 traffic stops, issued 5 citations. Gave 10 verbal warnings and assisted 2 other departments. There were 8 criminal/10 non-criminal complaints. There were 4 arrests. There was 1 larceny. There was 3 general assists.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

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. 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 report.

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: No requests.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to accept bids from A. Lunsford for lots located in Little Bear Lake Subdivision #8 thru #14 Section 13; \$1960.00 plus attorneys/transfer fees. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve FOIA administrator salary resolution 2016-02. Motion carried. Corke abstained from vote.
- 3.) Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve 4 persons from the fire department to attend Train rescue training class; not to exceed \$ 2400.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Do the people buying land know its swampy land?

BOARD COMMENTS: The treasurer and trustee attended the MTA conference, learned information on running meetings and workshops.

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

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk