

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19TH 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, J. Huizenga and R. Hurley. Absent: Roll call was taken. 17 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$205,565.11	Road Fund	\$500,235.99
Fire Fund	\$353,596.45	Ambulance Fund	\$89,890.98
Trust and Agency	\$2,829.55	Tax Fund	\$25,722.64
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,794.57
Police Fund	\$249,191.89	Saddle Lake Fund	\$30,590.51
North Lake Fund	\$15,986.59		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 3-22-16; Special meeting minutes: 4-4-2016. Invoices thru 4-19-16 and treasurer's report and treasurer's report for March 2016 as the wrong months report was approved last meeting. Motion by Curtis and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed post election work. Completed required on-line election training. Completed election class required by election bureau. Completed the following: agendas; payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing; notices and resolutions. Completed all quarterly filings.

GUEST SPEAKER: k-9 advocated Teyha with Mike Bedford from the Prosecutor's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Now have all the prices for the road work for the season.

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 March there was 7 calls. 2 structure fires. 3 calls power lines down. 1 call for a smoke alarm activation. 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 22 traffic stops, issued 9 citations. Gave 25 verbal warnings and assisted 4 other departments. There were 10 criminal/15 non-criminal complaints. There were 7 arrests. There was 2 general assists.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Section 6 of the Master Plan for the township is complete. Future land use plan is the last section. Once that is complete the Master Plan can go before the Township Board for approval.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: We had an active shooter presentation at the last meeting. May 7th is next meeting will discuss preparing for severe weather. 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. Hospital will practice active shooter training. Scott Moran has accepted a position at Cooper Clinic. Dr. Wahby will transit to the urgent care. Annual auxiliary luncheon will be held on April 20th. Annual golf outing is June 10th 2016 at Hawkshead Golf Course.

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 on Thompson cemetery.

BALL FIELD: Not sure yet if any teams will be using the ball field.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Hurley. Time 7:53pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk