

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2016 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, and J. Huizenga. Absent: Curtis and Hurley. Roll call was taken. 25 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$182,246.00</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>\$500,235.99</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$364,497.00</b>	<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	<b>\$12,178.04</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b>\$2,829.00</b>	<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$106,235.95</b>
<b>Liquor</b>	<b>\$3,922.64</b>	<b>House Fund</b>	<b>\$48,794.57</b>
<b>Police Fund</b>	<b>\$222,037.00</b>	<b>Saddle Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$30,590.51</b>
<b>North Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$15,986.59</b>		

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 4-19-16; Special meeting minutes: 4-15-2016. Invoices thru 5-17-16 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Completed A.V. envelopes. Completed the following: agendas; payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing and notices.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Chip Ray road commission, Candidates for Sheriff and South Haven Health System Rep..

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** We will be doing new business first before reports.

**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 April there was 8 calls. 2 structure fires (in lee twp.) 1 calls power lines down. 1 grass fire. 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 139 property checks. Assisted 11 other departments. There were 9 criminal/10 non-criminal complaints. There was 1 larceny reported. There was 1 suicide report. There was 2 general assists. There were 2 assaults reported.

**COUNTY COMM:** Opening for the position for Veterans Affairs at the County. \$8000.00 grant approved for purchase of new snowmobile and trailer. New detective vehicle purchase was approved for the purchase price of \$22,300.00 with McFaddens Motors.

**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:** Next meeting is in June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Aric Nesbitt may be the guest speaker. 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. Annual golf outing is June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Breedsville cemetery. Ordinance needs to be passed to help with persons putting too much stuff at grave plots.

**BALL FIELD:** 9 teams participating this season and we will be doing some rotatilling work on the field soon.

**ZONING:** No report.

**LAWSUIT:** No report.

**FOIA REPORT:** No requests.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Fee Resolution 2016-12. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve purchase of new office computers not to exceed \$3900.00. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve purchase of new fire hose not to exceed \$5000.00. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Office will be closed May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 8:15pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk