

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21<sup>ST</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, K. Curtis, J. Huizenga and R. Hurley. Roll call was taken. 25 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$194,594.49</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>\$419,357.21</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$337,267.37</b>	<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	<b>\$12,182.17</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b>\$2,829.96</b>	<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$80,908.59</b>
<b>Liquor</b>	<b>\$3,922.64</b>	<b>House Fund</b>	<b>\$48,794.57</b>
<b>Police Fund</b>	<b>\$215,961.46</b>	<b>Saddle Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$30,594.90</b>
<b>North Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$15,990.54</b>		

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 5-17-16; Special meeting minutes: 5-10-2016. Invoices thru 6-21-16 and treasurer's report. Motion by Curtis and seconded by Corke to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Completed A.V. envelopes, mailed them out and entered them into the EMP. Attended election training class. Completed the following: agendas; payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing and notices. Tested the voting equipment.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** VB Conservation District; Walker for Sheriff; McKay for judge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pancake Breakfast July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Township Hall all proceed go to Burn Camp. We invite local candidates to come to next month's meeting to introduce themselves if they wish to do so.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** add #7 to new business; signs for cemetery posting the rules.

**SUPERVISOR:** Road commission will be reapplying dust control that got washed away by rain. Working on sealcoating.

**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 May there was 9 calls. 1 structure fires. 3 grass fires. 2 accidents vehicle. 3 misc. 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 115 property checks. Assisted 3 other departments. There were 8 criminal/14 non-criminal complaints. There was 5 larceny reported. There was 8 health & safety calls. There was 9 general assists. There were 5 assaults reported. Total dispatched calls 76

**COUNTY COMM:** No report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Master plan is ready to present to the board.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Next meeting is in July. 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 Blueberry 5k run registration is now open. The affiliation process is going well we are anticipating a vote in November. \$16,000.00 was raised by campaign Bucket Brigade. We are waiting the results of the penny war fundraiser.

**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:** Large tree limb fell down in Grand junction cemetery east, no damage to any markers. Signs with rules will be post at Breedsville Cemetery.

**BALL FIELD:** 9 teams participating this season and the field looks great.

**ZONING:** No report.

**LAWSUIT:** No report.

**FOIA REPORT:** 1 request.

**CORRESPONDENSE:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to close Township Hall July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Hurley to accept bid from Whitefish Township for \$50.00 for the fire departments used air packs with accessories. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve cemetery class for Gasper attendance NTE \$250.00 Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Tustins bid to repair and sealcoat Township Hall parking lot. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Hazardous Waste Program agreement with the VB Conservation District. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Hurley seconded by Curtis to approve purchase of new thermo-imaging camera for the Fire Department of Columbia NTE \$ 12,000.00. Motion carried. As long as camera passes the testing of MBG Marketing and inside all metal building.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to purchase 3 signs for the cemetery to post the rules and regulations NTE \$200.00. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**BOARD COMMENTS:** board will meet to discuss SOP/SOG's. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Good luck candidates.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time 8:10pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor  
Stacey Corke, Clerk