

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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. Roll call was taken. 32 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$173,241.	Road Fund	\$419,357.21
Fire Fund	\$335,423.47	Ambulance Fund	\$12,094.23
Trust and Agency	\$2,830.19	Tax Fund	\$59,092.00
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,794.57
Police Fund	\$215,778.72	Saddle Lake Fund	\$23,686.94
North Lake Fund	\$14,197.		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 6-21-16; Special meeting minutes: none. Invoices thru 7-19-16 and treasurer's report. Motion by Curtis and seconded by Hurley to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: No report.

GUEST SPEAKER: local candidates and Larry Hummel road commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pancake Breakfast was very successful.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

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 June there was 4 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. Hope to start Columbia rescue in the fall.

POLICE: Completed 58 property checks. Assisted 11 other departments. There were 2 larceny reported. There were 6 health & safety calls. There were 3 B&E's; There was 16 general assists. There were 10 assaults reported. Total dispatched calls 135.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: There was a public hearing pertaining to the zoning ordinance an application was filed by stokes farm market to amend the a portion of the ordinance; there were no decisions made at this time and the planning commission will call a special meeting of the planning commission to discuss the subject in further detail.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Next meeting is in August. 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 public can find the latest information on the affiliation process on the website. \$15,000.00 was raised at the annual golf outing event.

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: Someone damaged the iron fence at the Breedsville cemetery.

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

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: No report

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to table zoning ordinance amendment concerning alcohol and farm markets. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Hurley seconded by Curtis to approve special use permit for G. Tello with conditions as follows must remove old structure within 6 months bid and the building will be defined as a storage building only. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to promote JC Robertson to deputy chief at the fire department. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to close the hall September 3, 2016 in observance of Labor Day. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Why are home business not allowed in Columbia Township this is America where a person has the right to own and operate their own business.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Hurley seconded by Burgett. Time 9:07pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk