

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16th 2016 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by Clerk S. Corke Present were: S. Corke, K. Curtis, J. Huizenga and R. Hurley. Absent L. Burgett. Roll call was taken. 27 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$271,928.17	Road Fund	\$436,532.40
Fire Fund	\$351,369.78	Ambulance Fund	\$12,194.02
Trust and Agency	\$2,830.19	Tax Fund	\$180,534.61
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,794.57
Police Fund	\$222,438.99	Saddle Lake Fund	\$23,159.24
North Lake Fund	\$7,436.00		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 7-19-16; Special meeting minutes: none. Invoices thru 8-16-16 and treasurer’s report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Curtis to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed payroll, invoices, notices, filing, election, and post election. Thank you to the election workers. We received compliments from the county on the election.

GUEST SPEAKER: Great lakes burn camp and Martinez for judge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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 July there was 10 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. Fire department now has a thermal imaging camera, thank you to the township. Holding an active shooter class in August.

POLICE: Completed 45 property checks. 28 total complaints. 6 traffic stops. 5 verbal warnings.

COUNTY COMM: Jail additions have been approved. Work will start in March 2017 costs \$5 million dollars. Register of deeds will receive \$10,000.00 for more digitizing of documents.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The zoning ordinance amendment has been submitted to the county planning commission for approval and will then be presented to the board. The master plan has also been given to the board.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Next meeting is in September. Please come to the monthly meetings so that we can inform YOU. Topic will be social media spreading the wrong information to quickly. 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. The affiliation with Bronson Hospital will be on the November ballot. 195 students received physicals on the second round for free thanks to energy and SHHS Foundation.

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: Fence is back up at Breedsville cemetery most of it was able to be saved. Waiting on bids for Thompson cemetery.

BALL FIELD: done for the year.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: No report

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Hurley seconded by Corke to approve bid from Stumpys tree service to remove trees in Grand Junction Cemetery East; NTE \$1600.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga. Time 8:12pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk