

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20th 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. 21 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$166,698.77	Road Fund	\$412,758.13
Fire Fund	\$329,051.93	Ambulance Fund	\$12,102.11
Trust and Agency	\$2,830.19	Tax Fund	\$194,888.15
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,860.46
Police Fund	\$206,640.84	Saddle Lake Fund	\$23,159.24
North Lake Fund	\$4,935.36		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 8-16-16; Special meeting minutes: 8-23 & 8-26 2016. Invoices thru 9-20-16 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, and agendas. Completed 200 AV applications, completed online clerk class required by election bureau. Thank you to the Fire Department, road commission, consumers energy and neighboring fire departments for an excellent job in the aftermath of the tornado. Moved the clerk's office into the meeting hall.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chip Ray road commission and Representative from South Haven Health Systems.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Election will be held at fire station #2 on 52nd street in Grand Junction.

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 August there was 7 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 reach you in an emergency. Thank you to Bloomingdale, Gobles fire departments ; Pride care; road commission and consumers energy for the help and responding so quickly after the tornado. Thank you Ken and Stacey Corke for coming to the fire department to check on the situation and offering their help to the fire department and the community. Do not put rags, paper towels, or anything that was used to soak up oil based anything in a container as they will combust.

POLICE: Completed 60 property checks. 25 total complaints. 10 traffic stops. 7 verbal warnings. 7 arrests. 3 civil disputes. 3 obstructing justice. Attended active shooter class.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The draft of the Master plan has been given to the board for approval. The county denied the zoning changes that the township presented to them. It will go to the board for discussion and decide if they want still move forward or have the planning commission hold more meetings for discussion.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: I would like to have a candidate's night at the Fire station in October. Anyone interested in moderating?

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.

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: Still cleaning up from the tornado damage in Grand Junction cemeteries. Waiting on bids for Thompson cemetery.

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: 2 request from Speicher. 2 requests from Gruss.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to appoint clerk to run meeting in the absence on supervisor. Motion carried. Corke abstained from vote.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to set special meeting on September 23rd, 2016 @ 10:00 am. To discuss bids. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Curtis seconded Huizenga to remove Ada Lepore from bank signature cards and replace with Karen Gruss deputy treasurer. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Curtis seconded by Hurley to approve supervisor, treasurer or trustee to authorize the removal of any unelected official from bank signature cards and replace with new elected official(s) the November 8 2016 election. Corke voted NO. 3 yes.
5. Motion by Curtis seconded by Hurley to approve audit by Siegfried and Crandall. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis approve draft of the Master Plan. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Hurley seconded by Corke for planning commission to have a special meeting to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance changes denied by the Van Buren County Planning Commission.
8. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to appoint Marcia Lukens to the planning commission. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to set Halloween Hours 5-7pm October 31, 2016 Township and fire department will be giving out goodies and the Fire station on Phoenix St. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to table ZBA applications. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to approve purchase of Holiday Decorations not to exceed \$3713.50. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 8:40 pm

Stacey Corke, Clerk