

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18th 2016 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Burgett. Present were: L. Burgett, S. Corke, K. Curtis, J. Huizenga and R. Hurley. Absent L. Burgett. Roll call was taken. 36 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$191,920.16	Road Fund	\$412,758.13
Fire Fund	\$329,051.93	Ambulance Fund	\$12,102.11
Trust and Agency	\$2,830.19	Tax Fund	\$364,200.60
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,860.46
Police Fund	\$206,640.84	Saddle Lake Fund	\$-27,164.17
North Lake Fund	\$4,935.36		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 9-20-16; Special meeting minutes: 8-23-16 corrected & 9-23-2016. Invoices thru 10-18-16 and treasurer’s report. Motion by Curtis and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed payroll, invoices, notices, filing, minutes, synopsis and agendas. Completed 150 AV ballots so far. Voters numbers are up for absentee. Completed testing voting equipment. Happy and Safe Halloween.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kim Stokes spoke of the farm market she owns that she wants to serve hard cider/wine at the establishment. Kim is against a special use permit.

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 September there was 6 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 find your home.

POLICE: Completed 73 property checks. 14 non-criminal complaints and 13 criminal complaints. 2 traffic violations. 5 assaults. 1 B&E. 1 obstructing justice. 2 larcenies. 2 health and safety checks.

COUNTY COMM: Approved the general fund. Tim McGee is new dispatch person.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 2 approvals one for Ruedel and one for Miller special use request.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Done for the season.

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: Doing bids tonight for Thompson Cemetery

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: 1 request.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Hurley seconded by Huizenga to accept bid from Dirtworks for Thompson cemetery; NTE \$4200.00. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Hurley seconded by Huizenga to accept bids from S&H Dependable to snow plow the fire stations and accept bid from LCP Properties to snow plow the township hall 2016-17. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Hurley seconded Corke to approve special use permits for Ruedell and Miller. Motion carried.
4. Motion by R. Hurley seconded by Curtis to not approve/adopt the zoning change requested by K. Stokes for a permitted use of alcohol in the Ag district. Motion failed. 2yes; 2no; 1 abstain.
5. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve the zoning amendment change. Motion failed. 2yes, 2 no; 1 abstain (Burgett) conflict of interest.
6. Motion by Hurley seconded by Corke to not adopt the zoning change requested by K. Stokes but to refer if back to the planning commission for further discussions/ changes. 3 yes; 1 no. Burgett abstained from vote. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to approve North Lake Resolution 2016-14 assessment district #2 . Motion carried.
8. Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to accept resignation from D. Beckwith ZBA position. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Hurley seconded by Burgett to place ad for transfer station in the newspaper again stating the amount of gravel needed for the job. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Various persons commented on Stokes Farm Market all positive statements about the establishment and that the Farm Market is a positive for Columbia Township. They want the establishment to open and to be able to serve a glass of wine.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time 8:55 pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk