

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15th 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. Absent: R. Hurley. Roll call was taken. 17 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$140,901.	Road Fund	\$358,780.71
Fire Fund	\$316,484.60	Ambulance Fund	\$12,216.75
Trust and Agency	\$20,452.25	Tax Fund	\$389,726.05
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,860.46
Police Fund	\$197,320.41	Saddle Lake Fund	\$32,506.04
North Lake Fund	\$13,980.14		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 10-18-16; Special meeting minutes: 11-3-16. Invoices thru 11-15-16 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, minutes, synopsis and agendas. Completed election. Processed 1,000 voters. Completed all post election requirements. Completed mailings for North Lake Public Hearing. Happy Thanksgiving.

GUEST SPEAKER:

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 October there was 12 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. Make sure that your heating systems are in proper working order there has already been many fires due to heating systems.

POLICE: Completed 57 property checks. 12 non-criminal complaints and 12 criminal complaints. 3 traffic violations. 1 assaults. 1 B&E. 2 obstructing justice. 1 larceny. 2 health and safety checks.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meeting on Monday night discussing zoning ordinance.

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 voters passed the affiliation with Bronson.

SENIOR SERVICES: 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: No report.

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: Speicher filed an appeal on Tax Tribunal lawsuit.

FOIA REPORT: 1 request.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to accept re-new contract with Van Buren County Sheriff for 2016-2017. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to close Hall November 24,25 and 26, 2016 for Thanksgiving holiday. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded Curtis to close hall on December 24th & 31st, 2016 for Holiday. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to accept resignation from C. Sedlak resigning from deputy clerk position. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to change signature cards at Chemical Bank to Karen Gruss Treasurer; Dean Beckwith Supervisor and Deputy treasurer Ada Lepore. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to approve Loan for Patricia Scherner emergency home fund for \$1,200.00 payable to Phoenix Heating approve by DSS. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis. Time 7:30pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk