

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 2017 7:00PM**

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A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by S. Corke. Present were: S. Corke, K. Curtis, K. Gruss, and J. Huizenga. Absent: none. Roll call was taken. 29 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$173,682.70</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>\$544,769.19</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$365,246.11</b>	<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	<b>\$12,222.74</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b>\$2,832.31</b>	<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$367,052.94</b>
<b>North Lake</b>	<b>\$14,761.21</b>	<b>House Fund</b>	<b>\$47,825.24</b>
<b>Police Fund</b>	<b>\$233,237.60</b>	<b>Saddle Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$25,746.72</b>

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 3-28-17; Public hearing meeting minutes: 3-28-17. Invoices thru 4-18-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to appoint clerk to chair the meeting in absence of supervisor. Motion carried; clerk abstained.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** final tax distribution to county; observed voting equipment testing; election committee meeting; L. Beckwith is now deputy treasurer; starting on ambulance fund refunds.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Completed payroll, paid invoices, resolutions, minutes, synopsis, filing, agendas and other miscellaneous responsibilities. Completed 70 av ballots, tested voting equipment and election comm. Meeting.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Arthur Clarke

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor and secretary positions.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**SUPERVISOR:** none.

**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 March there was 11 calls. Average response time was 9.64minutes. 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:** 278 property checks. 11 criminal complaints and 14 non-criminal. 2 traffic crashes; 2 assaults; 3 obstructing justice. 1 trespassing; 2 fraud; 1 larceny; 3 alarms.

**COUNTY COMM:** Consumers energy will be closed within 5 years. Election in May is for renovations to the county jail and other county buildings.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** has presented to the board Dollar general sign approval.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** May meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please attend so that you may be informed.

**SENIOR SERVICES:** Senior City in South Haven also offers a **FREE** meal once a month. Free lunch monthly at Church in Grand Junction contact the church for more information. 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:** Teams will be using ball field again this year.

**ZONING:** No report.

**LAWSUIT:** Nothing to report.

**FOIA REPORT:** 1 Michigan open the books.

**TRUSTEE2:** still reworking the cemetery ordinance. Attended MTA Conference it was very informative.

**CORRESPONDENSE:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Cutis seconded by Huizenga to approve reinstate Al Bearren to planning commission chairperson. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Gruss seconded by Corke to remove Ada Lepore and Dean Beckwith from Chemical Bank accounts/cards and replace with Laura Beckwith. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve sealcoating roads 53<sup>rd</sup>st; 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and 24<sup>th</sup> Ave for 2017. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to approve Hazardous Waste Contract with VB County not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to extend application time for supervisor position. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve special use permit for Dollar General with conditions 1. No light in sign on East side of building and lighted pole with sign will be 8 feet from right of way. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to set special meeting on 5-9-17 @ 1pm for secretary interviews and 5-10-17 @ 1pm for secretary interviews if needed. May 5<sup>th</sup> for supervisor interviews 6pm. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to approve Resolution 2017-11 board right to approve Master Plan.
9. Motion by Curtis seconded by Gruss to table Resolution 2017-13. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis. Time 8:55pm

Stacey Corke, Clerk