

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16TH 2017 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: K. Curtis, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: S. Corke. Roll call was taken. 25 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$191,939.81	Road Fund	\$572,030.09
Fire Fund	\$381,927.23	Ambulance Fund	\$11,983.52
Trust and Agency	\$2,832.54	Tax Fund	\$57,053.25
North Lake	\$14,762.42	House Fund	\$47,840.96
Police Fund	\$238,645.08	Saddle Lake Fund	\$25,748.84
General 2	\$19,609.81	Road 2	\$90,966.03

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 5-16-17; Special meeting minutes: 5-13 & 6-1-17. Minutes need corrections before approval. Invoices thru 6-20-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by and seconded by to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Attended planning commission meeting, attended 2 special board meetings, reviewed noise ordinance.

CLERKS REPORT: No report.

GUEST SPEAKER: I2K representative Steve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Newly appointed supervisor Linda Norton.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: yes

SUPERVISOR: Working on a 3 year road plan, contact number for supervisor 269-762-2707. I will be meeting with D. Beckwith to get up to date on issues in the township.

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 April there was 16 calls. Average response time was 7.1 minutes. 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: 211 property checks. 2 criminal complaints and 19 non-criminal; 1 traffic crashes; 1 obstructing justice; 2 civil disputes; 1 Breaking and Entering; 4 false alarms.

COUNTY COMM: Bloomingdale has better seal coat mix for the roads. June 15th a forum for medical marijuana will be held in Dowagiac.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Survey in tax bill on medical marijuana, inquiring on solar energy in the township.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: June 1st will be next meeting. Ceremony for Memorial Day 2pm at Stokes on the 27th of May.

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: Working on flag pole.

BALL FIELD: Teams will be using ball field again this year.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: Nothing to report.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

TRUSTEE2: Did interviews for supervisor and secretary.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: North Lake assessment; rental agreement for hall and status of ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis to approve Murphy to replace the doors on the compactor at the transfer station not to exceed \$900.00. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to approve the promotion of J. Robertson to Captain of the fire department. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Do strike through on minutes and approve at next meeting; Ag-Tourism definition is missing; does blight have boundaries; Ag- Tourism needs public discussion; Breedsville parade at 11 am, road is being patched by the village board members; moon dust is a great idea for ball field.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by. Time 8:46pm

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk