

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2017 7:00PM**

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A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: S. Corke, K. Curtis, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 31 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$189,193.56</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>\$564,998.86</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$383,663.01</b>	<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	<b>\$11,999.68</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b>\$2,833.49</b>	<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$223,707.30</b>
<b>North Lake</b>	<b>\$15,556.34</b>	<b>House Fund</b>	<b>\$47,905.47</b>
<b>Police Fund</b>	<b>\$224,182.28</b>	<b>Saddle Lake Fund</b>	<b>\$16,787.95</b>
<b>General 2</b>	<b>\$19,636.26</b>	<b>Road 2</b>	<b>\$91,088.70</b>

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 8-15-17; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 9-19-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Gruss to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Review of my campaign promises and reminding myself that the people are my bosses and I am definitely exceeding the requirements. Revisited insurance claim and recovered another \$4000.00. Summer taxes have been the primary task.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Was same as usual this month, notices, minutes, synopsis, filing, quarterly reports, completed tire clean up at transfer station.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Road Commission Hummel.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**SUPERVISOR:** there is a new sound system in place in the meeting hall. Attended supervisor meeting. Next month I will be meeting with study groups and committees.

**ASSESSOR:** The re-value continues with in the township.

**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 8 calls. Average response time was 3.50 minutes for the month. Fire department would like to ask the board for a new repeater for the fire station. 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:** 2 criminal complaints and 11 non-criminal; 6 traffic violation; 6 general assists; 1 medical assist; 1 trespassing; 1 found property.

**COUNTY COMM:** No report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** We have reached a file agreement on the Master Plan it will be reviewed by the county commissioners. Working on text for solar fields.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** We will be having trick or treating at the fire station in town. Working with the local Sheriff is a big key in successful neighborhood watch program.

**SENIOR SERVICES:** Senior City in South Haven also offers a meal once a month. Lunch is offered monthly at the 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:** End of season.

**ZONING:** No report.

**LAWSUIT:** Nothing to report.

**FOIA REPORT:** 2 requests by Speicher.

**TRUSTEE2:** General small things in the township.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** Bratko lien; volunteers for community events; blight/liquor control officer; letter from county planning commission; zba applicant Case, C.; secretary review; MTA conference.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to accept bid from Krohns for the work at the transfer station. Motion carried. NTE \$8900.00.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to appoint Christy Case as ZBA Alternate. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to purchase cameras for Hall. Motion carried. Corke; no. NTE \$ 250.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to approve 3 persons to attend Fire Training Class NTE \$1080.00. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to table packet policy 2017-02. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Curtis seconded by Norton to table Resolution 2017-17 Bratko Lien. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to accept Audit 2016-17. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to approve a repeater antenna for fire department NTE \$7289.46. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to change pay scale to \$8.90 for starting fire fighter personnel. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lee Abernathy spoke of needing possible legal help with the z.b.a. public hearing because he is not an attorney and is confused as to what the laws actually are about "farm market vs. Farmers market along with some other concerns.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Gruss and Curtis orally objected to the inner office memo by the supervisor dated September 5, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 9:40pm

Linda Norton, Supervisor  
Stacey Corke, Clerk