

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17TH 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. 31 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$202,534.69	Road Fund	\$566,024.73
Fire Fund	\$367,133.22	Ambulance Fund	\$12,003.63
Trust and Agency	\$2,833.72	Tax Fund	\$86,621.10
North Lake	\$12,622.18	House Fund	\$47,921.22
Police Fund	\$217,607.26	Saddle Lake Fund	\$32,637.44
General 2	\$19,642.72	Road 2	\$91,118.65

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 10-17-17; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 10-17-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Curtis to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Caught up with summer taxes that were received late; clerk is writing ambulance checks so will need to transfer funds back to ambulance account; drafting resolution regarding spending limits; verified legal representation of township. Good discussion with supervisor on October 7th, 2017; will be attending MTA conference this October.

CLERKS REPORT: No report.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dean Beckwith Senior Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please attend Readers Theatre by Senior Services.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Will be attending MTA conference on Thursday.

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 14 calls. Average response time was 3.44 minutes for the month. The new repeater works very well. 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: 6 criminal complaints and 29 non-criminal; 15 traffic stops; 4 general assists; 6 medical assist; 5 arrests; 1 alarm; 2 obstructing justice; 1 larceny.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Compiling the surveys that were sent out in the tax bills. Public hearing on the Solar Energy text is on the website.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: We will be having trick or treating at the fire station.

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: ZBA court order.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

TRUSTEE2: Transfer station work completed.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: hearing dates; Nov. 4th & Nov 18th ZBA public hearings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Table Policy Packet 2017-02 Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga. Motion carried.
2. Table Resolution For Bratka Iein. Motion by Norton seconded by Curtis. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to accept bid from LCP Management to snow plow the township hall for the 2017-18 season. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Curtis to accept bid from S&H Dependable to snow plow fire stations #1&2 for the 2017-18 season. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Gruss seconded by Norton to accept bid from Four Seasons Tree Service to remove tree in Breedsville cemetery. Bid of \$990.00. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to set recommended Trick or Treating hours to be 5pm-7pm on October 31st, 2017. Motion carried.
5. Motion by seconded by to approve Attorney Mesadieu for representing of ZBA hearing and planning commission meeting. 2 no votes; 2 yes votes. No decision.
6. Motion by Curtis seconded by Norton tire collection. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to set special meeting with attorneys 10-30-17 @ 5pm alternative date 10-27-17 @ 5pm. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: L. Abernathy ; F. Gruibichsh; D. Kovach; Marcelletti ; D. Beckwith; G. Gruss.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga. Time pm

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk