

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16TH, 2018 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: K. Curtis, S. Corke, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 23 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$163,878.56	Road Fund	\$532,576.74
Fire Fund	\$334,845.19	Ambulance Fund	\$1,764.11
Trust and Agency	\$2,834.43	Tax Fund	\$212,537.90
North Lake	\$8,643.66	House Fund	\$47,969.55
Police Fund	\$204,262.07	Saddle Lake Fund	\$30,855.48
General 2	\$19,662.53	Road 2	\$91,210.56

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 11-21-17 correction; & 12-19-17. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 1-16-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Corke to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Completed end of year tax payment day on December 29th; attended a training class here at the hall provided by the Township.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed filing, payroll, minutes, synopsis, invoices and reports.

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Budget meeting January 20th, 2018 @ 9 am.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR: Pat Hudson will be stepping down he is the current zoning administrator, training for the board and planning commission went well. Planning commission did not have a meeting this month. The township has won the lawsuit regarding the saddle lake special assessment.

ZONING: Report on back table.

ASSESSOR: Copy of the report on the table in the back for anyone interested.

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 December there was 14 calls. Average response time was 5 minutes for the month. 127 calls for the year for Columbia, this total includes assisting other departments. Remember 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: 1 health & safety; 3 obstructing justice; 5 traffic crash; 13 general assists; 5 assaults; 7 alarm; 2 larceny; 1 B & E; 1 stolen property; 2 suspicious situations; 1 flee & elude.

COUNTY COMM: Approved Mike Toth as vice-chair; approved hospice lease renewal; Public health reappointed Dr. Cabras; Steve Brown appointed to replace Chip Ray; Place a deputy at Mattawan Public school paid for by the school district; Norman Frazier will be starting as HR director.

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. Remember to check out the senior sentinel in your local paper.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: End of season.

FOIA REPORT: 1 request.

TRUSTEE2: Worked on some mobile homes reported to have no permits; attended special meetings; planning commission meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: electrical inspector, planning commission terms, ordinance medical marihuana, police contract and zoning administrator. Dump pass rules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Gruss to stay with electrical inspector M. Smith. Motion carried. 3 yes; 2 no
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve medical marihuana ordinance with (5) class A growers only. Motion carried. 4 yes; 1 no
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve police contract. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to appoint Leslie Elrod to the planning commission for a 3 year term. Motion carried. Curtis abstained.
5. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to appoint D. Bessler to planning commission. Motion carried. 4 yes; 1 no
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to rescind appointment of D. Bessler to planning commission as it was not the recommendation of the supervisor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to appoint D. Marcelletti to the planning commission. Motion carried. 3 yes; 2 no.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Speicher: The supervisor should do the recommendation first then the board should vote. Shrank: Would it be okay with the board if R. Servatius a local realtor evaluates some of the township properties that are for sale. Gruss: the sheriff contract offers many other services to the township; dive team, secret service for examples. Miller; the township should consider using S.W.M.P.C. for some services. Sherrer: planning commission needs training.

BOARD COMMENTS: Curtis gave her resignation to the board. Gruss thanked Curtis's for their services

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time: 8:43 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk