

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20TH, 2018 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: S. Corke, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: Curtis. Roll call was taken. 21 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$197,328.31	Road Fund	\$594,680.16
Fire Fund	\$376,169.66	Ambulance Fund	\$2,000.58
Trust and Agency	\$2,834.67	Tax Fund	\$38,547.40
North Lake	\$4,997.78	House Fund	\$47,985.85
Police Fund	\$220,528.31	Saddle Lake Fund	\$30,988.12
General 2	\$19,669.21	Road 2	\$91,241.55

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 1-16-18 Special meeting minutes: 1-6-18. Invoices thru 2-20-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Gruss to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Winter taxes are due 2-28-18 treasurer will be available to accept taxes from 9-5 on 2-28-18. Hoping that the planning commission will regroup quickly after the loss of some members. Worked on the budget.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed filing, payroll, minutes, synopsis, invoices and reports. Worked on budget and completed on-line election training.

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Budget workshop 3—7-18 at 4pm.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Furnace repair for fire station 2.

SUPERVISOR: Pat Hudson will be stepping down he is the current zoning administrator, Planning commission meet this month and appointed officers and set yearly dates.

ZONING: No report.

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 January there was 8 calls. Average response time was 5.30 minutes for the month. 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: 7 health & safety; 1 obstructing justice; 5 traffic crash; 17 general assists; 2 assaults; 7 alarm; 1 larceny; 3 B & E; 1 stolen vehicle; 1 fraud.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

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: 5 request.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: electrical inspector, resignations, upgrading server, interviews trustee position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to accept K. Curtis resignation. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve H. Winchester as electrical inspector. Motion carried. 3 yes 1 no.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to table electrical inspector contract. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to table resolution for road millage. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve dump pass rules. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to accept resignation from D. Curtis from BOR and ZBA positions. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to accept resignation from M. Lukens from planning commission position. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to appoint D. Bessler to the planning commission. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Poverty Resolution 2018-01. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to table updating server. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to accept P. Hudson resignation from the zoning administrator position. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to place an ad for zoning administrator position. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to table Resolution Post Audit Bills. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to accept audit estimate from Seigfred \$8900.00. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve furnace repair to fire station \$1350.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lukens stated that she enjoyed working on the planning commission. Shrank stated that the soup dinner is Saturday 4-6pm please come.

BOARD COMMENTS: Happy St. Patricks Day. Next meeting is March 27th.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time: 7:50 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk