

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 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. Gruss, J. Huizenga, L. Norton and B. Sherrer. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 24 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

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| <b>General</b>          | <b>\$235,993.18</b> | <b>Road Fund</b>        | <b>\$727,644.53</b> |
| <b>Fire Fund</b>        | <b>\$446,079.97</b> | <b>Ambulance Fund</b>   | <b>\$1,770.45</b>   |
| <b>Trust and Agency</b> | <b>\$2,835.13</b>   | <b>Tax Fund</b>         | <b>\$48,275.01</b>  |
| <b>North Lake</b>       | <b>\$16,000.52</b>  | <b>House Fund</b>       | <b>\$48,016.88</b>  |
| <b>Police Fund</b>      | <b>\$264,620.44</b> | <b>Saddle Lake Fund</b> | <b>\$31,256.81</b>  |
| <b>General 2</b>        | <b>\$19,681.93</b>  | <b>Road 2</b>           | <b>\$91,300.56</b>  |

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 3-27-18 & public hearing 3-27-18. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 4-17-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** It's only been 3 weeks since the last meeting and no special meetings. Concluding the final distributions for 2017.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Completed filing, payroll, regular minutes, synopsis, invoices, reports and various other duties.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Road commission representative.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tire grant collection at Transfer station August 11<sup>th</sup>, 9-5. Community event October 13, 2018 10am-4pm

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** lot of additions.

**SUPERVISOR:** Working on the 3 year plan for the roads.

**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 March there was 6 calls. Average response time was 19.00 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:** 2 health & safety; 2 traffic crash; 3 general assists; 1 assaults; 2 obstructing justice; 1 traffic violation; 1 suspicious situation.

**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.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REP:** 2 meetings for the planning commission last month; worked on cell tower ordinance and moved a few other agenda items to future meetings.

**CEMETERY:** No report.

**BALL FIELD:** End of season.

**FOIA REPORT:** 3 requests.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**DISCUSSION:** zoning administrator Tasha from MTS in Allegan; ZBA,BOR applicants; upgrading server, police deputy laptop for office at fire station; dangerous building ordinance; litter ordinance; resolutions and new keyless entry locks for the hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve electrical inspector contract. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to table road resolution. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to approve Dangerous Building Ordinance as amended. Motion carried. 4 yes 1 no Corke
4. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Gruss to approve Litter Ordinance. Motion carried. 4 yes 1 no Corke.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve purchase of new door lock for side door entrance at the hall NTE \$250.00 motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to hold interviews on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 5pm. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve cell tower ordinance 2018-03. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to approve road work sheet \$74,055.00 4 road projects for 2018. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve \$150.00 for planning commission Ag/Tourism class. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve MTA on-line usage for the planning commission board members and zba board members for training purposes. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve increasing cemetery rates for opening/closing graves. 4 yes; 1 no Corke. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve resident cemetery lot price will stay at \$50.00 increase non-resident price per lot to \$500.00. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Gruss seconded by Norton to add additional wording to the ballot language for the police millage renewal. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Norton to approve that the township secretary record the public hearings for the planning commission. Motion carried. 4 yes; 1 no Corke
10. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve \$500.00 to fix top and paint compactor at the transfer station. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to accept resignation from Tom Fry planning commission member. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke approve \$200.00 bobcat rental to clear area at transfer station. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to approve \$60.00 monthly mowing at transfer station to pay B. Murphy. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to rescind Resolution 2018-05 Salary & Wages and approve Resolution 2018-09 Salary & Wages as amended. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Abernathy state that a recording secretary is good idea. Lukens states that a ramp for the compactor at the Transfer is a good idea and is needed. Marilyn stated that she is upset because the cemetery crew cleaned up all of the memorabilia at the grave site. Russell stated the fire department did a wonderful job helping the horse from the pond it took 2 hours. Shrank stated that in May should will address to the board reverted properties. Beckwith mentioned using High School students to volunteer for blight help for residents.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Huizenga commented on an article that he had read regarding the medical marihuana laws and the veterans. Sherrer inquired about office policy and procedure.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor  
Stacey Corke, Clerk