

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15TH, 2018 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: K. Gruss, J. Huizenga, L. Norton and B. Sherrer. Absent: S Corke. Roll call was taken. 18 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$212,436.84	Road Fund	\$727,883.76
Fire Fund	\$440,760.01	Ambulance Fund	\$1,772.39
Trust and Agency	\$2,835.36	Tax Fund	\$48,672.27
North Lake	\$462.33	House Fund	\$48,032.67
Police Fund	\$257,032.68	Saddle Lake Fund	\$31,259.38
General 2	\$19,688.40	Road 2	\$91,330.58

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 4-17-18. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 5-15-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Gruss and seconded by Sherrer to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried. Deputy clerk took notes.

TREASURERS REPORT: attended special meeting to finalize some resolutions for the township, had a special meeting for interviews for open committee seats.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed filing, payroll, regular minutes, synopsis, invoices, reports and various other duties and ballot containers have been recertified. 2 candidates filed for the trustee position no one filed for supervisor at this time.

GUEST SPEAKER: Shrank and Speicher gave a presentation of the Township owned properties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tire grant collection at Transfer station August 11th, 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 May there was 8 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: 3 health & safety; 1 traffic crash; 7 general assists; 2 medical assists; 1 obstructing justice; 1 alarm ; 2 trespass; 10 criminal complaints.

COUNTY COMM: Approved \$7,000,000.00 to delinquent tax revolving fund to reimburse local governmental units. 911 renewal on the August ballot. County now has full time Veterans service officer. \$4,500.00 to check out septic system at the fairgrounds.

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: No report.

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve Jensens for the sewer work at the Fire Station # 2. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to change alarm code at the township hall. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to approve \$97,725.00 47 1/2 st. culvert project. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve \$4715.00 gravel; \$37,100.00 sealcoating road maintenance Van Buren County. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Speicher, Shrank K., Butch M. transfer station attendant; Rogusta S.

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 seconded by. Time: p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk