

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17TH, 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, L. Norton and B. Sherrer. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 15 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$204,436.62	Road Fund	\$758,825.49
Fire Fund	\$448,669.13	Ambulance Fund	\$1,744.12
Trust and Agency	\$2,835.83	Tax Fund	\$42,476.05
North Lake	\$2,110.72	House Fund	\$48,064.79
Police Fund	\$256,077.30	Saddle Lake Fund	\$17,713.37
General 2	\$19,701.57	Road 2	\$91,391.65

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 5-15-18. Special meeting minutes: 5-14,5-15-2018. None. Invoices thru 7-17-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Corke to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: completed election commission meeting. Summer tax bills have been mailed out. Sent out delinquent notices.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed filing, payroll, regular minutes, synopsis, invoices, reports and various other duties. Completed more mandatory election class; mailed out numerous AV applications, prepared over 60 AV ballots, Entered all AV's into the QVF system. Completed mandatory reports for the election in August.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tracy Jones ladies Aux fire department, L. Beckwith senior services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Add P.C. event funds.

SUPERVISOR: Inquiring on Henry Heritage; attended supervisor meeting; Property owners supply their own fire lanes signs. Wishing Mrs. Huizenga a speedy recovery.

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 June there was 14 calls. Average response time was 12.00 minutes for the month within township. 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. Asked board to consider a new storage building for the fire department.

POLICE: 1 health & safety; 1 traffic crash; 4 general assists; 3 civil disputes; 2 obstructing justice; 2 alarm ;8 criminal complaints and 1 break and entering.

COUNTY COMM: Approved \$6,700.00 new plat book for VB County; Approved \$37,000.00 per year for 3 years photographs of VB County. Doug Burleson was appointed to fill the road commission previously held by S. Brown.

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: Discussed the survey that would like to present to the public. Planning a community forum on August 22, 2018 @ 6:30 everyone welcome please come and express your thoughts or opinions for Columbia Township. A post card invitation will be mailed out. By-laws will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: Playing ball on the field.

FOIA REPORT: on going request for Miller and Speicher. No new requests.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: Hot water heater; public fax fee; secretary raise; silver lk assn. request; headly roll back for operating millage; medical marihuana ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to approve Fields plumbing to replace the hot water heater at the township hall. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Medical Marihuana zoning text that was recommended by planning commission and approved by county planning commission. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Corke to approve procedure to apply for medical marihuana application. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to key and code policy. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to approve Road Closures resolution 2018-11. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to raise secretary pay to \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried. 3yes 2 no; Corke and Gruss
3. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Gruss to approve monies for planning commission public forum and survey funding NTE \$3000.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lukens; spend the money for the planning commission to conduct survey. Shrank; please help the planning commission maybe offer free hot dogs at the forum. Jodie Haberland; having an issue the J. Thibedoeu the assessor that he is rude and offensive and needs to be replaced and he has not helped her resolve her situation which involves contact with the assessor.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sherrer; thanks for supporting the P.C. and Rhonda some things are worth spending money on. Gruss; last chance to get info on road millage at ISD in Lawrence on the 24th of July. Acknowledgment of the situation with assessor and J. It was irresponsible not to conduct an interview before raises.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time: 9:35 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk