

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21ST, 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. 13 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$218,237.55	Road Fund	\$756,312.67
Fire Fund	\$445,176.12	Ambulance Fund	\$1,778.00
Trust and Agency	\$2,836.07	Tax Fund	\$77,884.18
North Lake	\$2,922.75	House Fund	\$48,081.12
Police Fund	\$245,508.40	Saddle Lake Fund	\$20,054.92
General 2	\$19,708.26	Road 2	\$91,422.70

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 6-19-18; 7-17-18. Special meeting minutes: 8-8-2018. None. Invoices thru 8-21-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Gruss to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: the planning commission did a good job with the survey postcards and web. I did a brief review of the budget and had to state some statutory duties.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed filing, payroll, regular minutes, synopsis, invoices, reports and various other duties. Completed the August Election with 450 voters processed. Completed mandatory post-election reports.

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: add 8-8-18 minutes.

SUPERVISOR: worked with Deputy Jason and Rhonda on some dangerous building and blight complaints. Wineries are not allowed to operate in the township without approval. Applicants for the ZBA and B.O.R. Thank you to the clerk and election workers.

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 July there was 3 calls. Average response time was 6.14 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: 2 traffic crash; 5 general assists; 1 larceny; 1 obstructing justice; 3 alarm; 10 criminal complaints 14 non-criminal 1 break and entering.

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: Please attended the community feedback forum here at the township tomorrow night. Post cards inviting residents to take a survey have been mailed out.

CEMETERY: Keep it clean after you visit.

BALL FIELD: Playing ball on the field.

FOIA REPORT: on going request for Speicher for meeting packets and special meeting notices for all boards.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: fire department promotion; fire fighters to Roscommon; vacancy ZBA and BOR; bids for freezer; outdoor posting board; zoning text amendment for alcohol with ag. When will p.c. be working on this again; Marcelletti and Speicher public hearing request regarding alcohol sales with in Ag.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to accept bid from Reva for \$81.00 for the freezer.
Motion carried.
2. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to appoint C. Aubrey to the ZBA permanent position.
Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to appoint M. Phelps to the B.O.R permanent position.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to approve promotion recommended by fire chief of J. Taylor-Maki to a Lieutenant. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke to approve 4 fire fighters to attended Roscommon N.T. E \$3200.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: M. Lukens stated that there was no posting on the Website about public forum. Shrank stated that she sent information to Norton regarding the federal agency grant to Van Buren also a study about housing and internet connectivity. Speicher stated that you are not suppose to add changes to the agenda. Steve stated that Breedsville will be doing more road patching.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sherrer stated she met lots of mothers and kids at the fire department event and found out the worse part of being a fire fighter is seeing people lose all their belongings. Corke stated Happy Labor Day everyone.

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

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk