

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16TH, 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, B. Sherrer. Absent: S. Corke. Roll call was taken. Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$227,145.13	Road Fund	\$664,223.77
Fire Fund	\$428,225.53	Ambulance Fund	\$1,781.70
Trust and Agency	\$2,836.57	Tax Fund	\$235,843.63
North Lake	\$9,464.68	House Fund	\$48,113.27
Police Fund	\$231,149.17	Saddle Lake Fund	\$35,117.47
General 2	\$19,721.44	Road 2	\$91,483.82

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 9-18-18. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 10-16-18 and treasurer's report and payroll. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Sherrer to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Collections are still being accepted for summer taxes late fees will apply; attended a conference offered by Baukham Sparks Law.

CLERKS REPORT: None.

GUEST SPEAKER: Candidates Griffin & Nesbitt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR: SAD communications were sent to the attorney.

ZONING: No report.

ASSESSOR: Possible increase of 2% for residential value.

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 August there was 13 calls. Average response time was 5.52 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 traffic violation; 5 general assists; 1 suspicious situation; 4 health & safety; 1 assaults; 1 trespass; 1 B&E.

COUNTY COMM: \$30.00 plat book fee; work on economic development.

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: there will be a public hearing next month for a special land use permit. Work has started on the master plan.

CEMETERY: Keep it clean after you visit.

BALL FIELD: None.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: Outdoor side lights, fee schedule, resolutions, Halloween hours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to have Gruss take notes for meeting. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Gruss seconded by Huizenga to approve updated zoning application. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to table fee schedule. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Norton to rescind Legal Representation Resolution 2011-14. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Gruss seconded by Sherrer to approve Legal Representation Resolution 2018-13. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to change date of the November 20, 2018 to November 13th 2018 @ 7pm. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Norton to set Halloween hours to be October 31, 2018 5pm-7pm. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shrank announced an event on December 8th, 2018, the past event had bad weather and low community involvement.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sherrer; thanks for trying. Gruss; appreciate Bev's gracious attitude.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer. Time: 9:12 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk