

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18TH, 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, B. Sherrer. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 14 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$219,342.00	Road Fund	\$634,702.00
Fire Fund	\$421,552.00	Ambulance Fund	\$1,785.00
Trust and Agency	\$2,837.00	Tax Fund	\$42,441.00
North Lake	\$11,167.00	House Fund	\$48,145.00
Police Fund	\$220,487.00	Saddle Lake Fund	\$46,783.00
General 2	\$19,735.00	Road 2	\$91,545.00

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 11-13-18. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 12-18-18 and treasurer's report and payroll thru 12-18-18. Motion by Corke and seconded by Sherrer to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Winter tax bills were mailed out. There are some added tax lines. I will be available on December 28th 2018 and February 28, 2019 for tax collection here at the hall.

CLERKS REPORT: Business as usual for December.

GUEST SPEAKER: Life Ambulance and Road Commission rep.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Closed for Holiday December 24 & 25 2018; January 1&2 2019.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Add special use permit for Phillips.

SUPERVISOR: Information from road commission. Blight complaints.

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 November there was 14 calls. Average response time was 12.13 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: 4 traffic violation; 7 general assists; 1 suspicious situation; 1 health & safety; 8 assaults; 2 trespass; 1 B&E; 4 alarms.

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: The commission is working on the Master Plan.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: None.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: snowplow bids, resolution, life ambulance, Menards account, special use permit, marihuana resolution, accepting credit card payments for property taxes, workshop dates; fee schedule.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke to accept bid from LCP Properties for snowplowing the township hall parking lot for 2018-19 year. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Gruss seconded by Corke to table resolution to waive penalties. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to update fee schedule to the lowest amount of suggested increases. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke to approve Resolution 2018- Marihuana establishments and direct the planning commission to start studying options for establishments in the future. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve purchase of new cell for the deputy sheriff NTE \$500.00. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to rescind motion #5 as to change the dollar amount. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve purchase of new cell phone with accessories for the deputy sheriff NTE \$600.00. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to approve budget workshop dates. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to re-appoint Christy Case to the planning commission 3 year term. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to approve special use permit for Phillips. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Adams stated that the Clerk needs to resign and I will do whatever I can to make her resign as she is not doing her duties.

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk stated that there were software update issues and the holiday that caused the delay in some checks. All stated Merry Christmas, Peace and Happy New Year. Sherrer recommended mediation for the board and communication.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sherrer seconded by Gruss. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk