

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15TH, 2019 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. 15 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$183,896.41	Road Fund	\$628,038.58
Fire Fund	\$419,543.67	Ambulance Fund	\$1,787.29
Trust and Agency	\$2,837.31	Tax Fund	\$559,299.03
North Lake	\$10,385.77	House Fund	\$48,161.79
Police Fund	\$213,660.96	Saddle Lake Fund	\$44,634.49
General 2	\$19,741.33	Road 2	\$91,576.09

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 12-18-18. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 1-15-19 and treasurer’s report and payroll thru 1-15-19. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to approve agenda for 1-15-19. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: December was busy with taxes; had a budget meeting. I’m in search of a new deputy treasurer; our contract is for 5 years with PrideCare.

CLERKS REPORT: Business as usual for January; also completed year end tasks. I would like confidence from the Supervisor of the township that my vote will be respected and up held and not changed by the will of the Supervisor.

GUEST SPEAKER: Representative from Nesbitt office; Pride Care Ambulance; North Lake Association Representative.,

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR: Received an invite so went all the way to Lansing to see the Governor oath of office and toured the Capital Building. Held a budget workshop.

ZONING: No report.

ASSESSOR:

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 December there was 13 calls. Average response time was 13.77 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. Asking the board to suspend dual membership policy permentaly.

POLICE: 4 traffic violation; 7 general assists; 1 suspicious situation; 1 health & safety; 8 assaults; 2 trespass; 1 B&E; 4 alarms.

COUNTY COMM: Animal control report for 2018: 760 dogs picked up; 18% euthanized; the remainder were claimed or moved to other shelters. The board approved 4 million dollar bond for developing health department unit at the VBISD. New commissioners were elected. 127,000 customers came through the court house in 2018.

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 board voted to change the meeting to 2nd Tuesdays at the same time; also set the dates of the meetings for the 2019-20 year. Still working the Master Plan.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: None.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: Treasurer would like for discussion to remain on the agenda.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Gruss seconded by Corke to approve Resolution 2019-01 waive fees for late filings on property affidavit. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve Resolution 2019-02 accepting petitions and other proper documents from North Lake Association to re-new lake assessment. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Norton to approve plans be prepared for treat of aquatic weeds for North Lake. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to that plans and estimates for North Lake SAD be filed with the township clerk. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to set public hearing for North Lake SAD for February 26th 2019 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to create a “special meeting of the whole” which will meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am. Motion carried. 3 yes; 2 no Corke; Gruss.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shrank; thanks for the information on the ambulance response time very helpful knowledge. Shrank how many citizens responded to the survey the planning commission sent out.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga. Time: 8:50 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk