

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19TH 2016 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by Supervisor L. Burgett. Present were: L. Burgett, S. Corke and J. Huizenga. Roll call was taken. 21 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$121,850.79	Road Fund	\$312,416.42
Fire Fund	\$242,961.15	Ambulance Fund	\$89,839.43
Trust and Agency	\$2829.20	Tax Fund	\$438,214.58
Liquor	\$3,922.64	House Fund	\$48,790.34
Police Fund	\$153,871.64	Saddle Lake Fund	\$29,944.30
North Lake Fund	\$17,596.90`		

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 12-15-15; Special meeting minutes: 12-15-15. Invoices thru 1-19-16 and treasurers report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Payroll; invoices; minutes; synopsis; filing and notices. Completed 200 av applications for the upcoming election.

GUEST SPEAKER: Beth Griffin candidate for state representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Starting road work for 2016.

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 December there was 9 calls. Total calls for the year of 2015 is 111. Currently have 4 people in class. We are trying to restart Columbia Rescue. It is time 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 get to your home.

POLICE: Completed 10 traffic stops, issued 3 citations. Gave 9 verbal warnings and assisted 2 other departments. There were 7 criminal complaints.

COUNTY COMM: Reappointed judge Brickley. Distefeno to probate court. The county may have a military temporary bridge to use on CR 215 bridge as a possible temporary fix.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Working on section 6 of the Master Plan for the township. First item in the section is a vision statement. Second item in the section is goals and objectives, goals have not been changed since 2009.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Please come to the monthly meetings so that we can inform YOU. Forms are available now if you are leaving town and would like a house check done by Deputy.

HOSPITAL: Volunteers are still needed call 269-637-5271. 90% of the staff and volunteers have received the flu vaccination. Cholesterol screening is February 11th and 12th 2016 at 6:30am until 8:30am at the Wellness Center. We had a contaminated patient drill with Palisades. Please remember to donate blood if you can; there is always a shortage.

SENIOR SERVICES: Senior night at Columbia Township; receive a **FREE** meal by Senior Services once a month. Senior City in South Haven also offers a **FREE** meal once a month. 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.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: No report until spring.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: Numerous requests from Speicher for Land division documents, property exemption affidavits, agricultural exemption affidavits and DVD's.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to approve Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried.
- 2.) Motion by Corke seconded by Burgett to approve land sale resolution 2016-01. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENTS: Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 8:34pm

Larry Burgett, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk