

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28TH 2017 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by D. Beckwith. Present were: D. Beckwith, S. Corke, K. Curtis, K. Gruss, and J. Huizenga. Absent: none. Roll call was taken. 35 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$173,096.03	Road Fund	\$498,855.68
Fire Fund	\$353,417.36	Ambulance Fund	\$12,218.59
Trust and Agency	\$2,832.07	Tax Fund	\$597,473.42
North Lake	\$14,494.87	House Fund	\$47,809.00
Police Fund	\$219,310.34	Saddle Lake Fund	\$25,614.54

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 2-21-17; Special meeting minutes: 2-23-17; 3-17-17. Invoices thru 3-28-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Audit is complete accounts are in good shape.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed payroll, paid invoices, resolutions, minutes, synopsis, filing, agendas and other miscellaneous responsibilities. Deputy clerk worked with clerk on completing AV applications. Worked on the budgets. Did a road tour with the county.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chip Ray

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR: I will be resigning from my position.

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 February there was 5 calls. Average response time was 8.20 minutes. 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 find your home.

POLICE: 177 property checks. 9 criminal complaints and 12 non-criminal. 3 Breaking and entering; 2 traffic crashes; 2 assaults; 1 suspicious situation.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: March will start the meetings again for the year. Please attend so that you may be informed.

SENIOR SERVICES: Senior City in South Haven also offers a **FREE** meal once a month. Free lunch monthly at 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.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: No report.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: Nothing to report.

FOIA REPORT: 1 Mottel

TRUSTEE2: Reworking the cemetery ordinance.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve resolution 2017-03. Motion carried. C
2. Motion by Curtis seconded by Gruss to approve resolution 2017-04. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to approve resolution 2017-05. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Beckwith to approve resolution 2017-07. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2017-08. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve Resolution 2017-09. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Curtis to approve Resolution 2017-10. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to table Resolution 2017-11. Motion carried. 1 no. 4 yes.
9. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to accept resignation from Ada Lepore. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2017-12. Motion carried. Beckwith abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Many public comments concerning Stokes Farm Market. Most expressed that they want and like Stokes Farm Market to remain in the township and don't mind them serving alcohol. Some expressed that alcohol should not be allowed in the agricultural district and that spot zoning is not allowed and this should be a great concern to the board.

BOARD COMMENTS: Happy Easter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis. Time 8:28pm

Dean Beckwith, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk