

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18TH 2017 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: S. Corke, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: K. Curtis. Roll call was taken. 30 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$198,590.54	Road Fund	\$564,580.18
Fire Fund	\$391.308.	Ambulance Fund	\$11,991.53
Trust and Agency	\$2,833.01	Tax Fund	\$55,528.08
North Lake	\$14,213.95	House Fund	\$47,872.94
Police Fund	\$241,013.71	Saddle Lake Fund	\$17,416.40
General 2	\$19,622.92	Road 2	\$91,026.85

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 6-20-17; Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 7-18-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Attended planning commission meeting. Busy with summer taxes. Also a notary now.

CLERKS REPORT: Was same as usual this month, notices, minutes, synopsis, filing, quarterly reports, resolutions.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chip Ray road commission and VB county representative spoke about ordinances that townships will need for the medical marihuana laws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

SUPERVISOR

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 June there was 16 calls. Average response time was 5.2 minutes for the month. 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: 85 property checks. 8 criminal complaints and 34 non-criminal; 1 traffic violation; 1 obstructing justice; 5 civil disputes; 1 Breaking and Entering; 2 assaults.

COUNTY COMM: Bridge in Breedsville is complete. We have a defense commission now so that the judge presiding over cases can not appoint the attorney for the defendant. Approve a 5 year loan for growth and expansion at the county level.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Survey in tax bill on medical marijuana, inquiring on solar energy in the township.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: August 1st in Lawrence at the park for "Nite Out" for neighborhood watch there will be hot dogs and bring a dish to pass.

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: May have a tree that needs to be removed in Breedsville Cemetery.

BALL FIELD: Same as last month.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: Nothing to report.

FOIA REPORT: None.

TRUSTEE2: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION: Hall security.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Public Comment Policy 2017-01. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve the Cemetery Policy 2017-01. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to approve 2nd router and Internet service for the Fire Department NTE \$45.00 for router. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Medical First Response Training for fire department NTE \$4,000.00. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to appoint Leslie Elrod as an alternate for the ZBA Board. Motion carried. 1 No ; 3 yes
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to appoint Dean Beckwith as an alternate for the BOR Board. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to change Wednesday's hours from 9-noon to 5pm -8pm; effective immediately. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve new phone for fire chief. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: For them that are concerned about their water contamination drill deeper well; Conner.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke. Time 8:52pm

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk