

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15TH 2017 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: S. Corke, K. Curtis, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga and L. Norton. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 31 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$209,145.54	Road Fund	\$564,771.98
Fire Fund	\$389,053.76	Ambulance Fund	\$11,995.60
Trust and Agency	\$2,833.25	Tax Fund	\$53,659.38
North Lake	\$13,305.12	House Fund	\$47,889.20
Police Fund	\$230,780.24	Saddle Lake Fund	\$13,842.86
General 2	\$19,629.59	Road 2	\$91,057.77

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 7-18-17; Special meeting minutes: 7-25-17. Invoices thru 8-15-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Curtis and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Busy with summer tax collection.

CLERKS REPORT: Was same as usual this month, notices, minutes, synopsis, filing, quarterly reports, resolutions attended special meeting on the master plan and zoning ordinance.

GUEST SPEAKER: Samantha Sedlak with Aflac.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

SUPERVISOR: Attended supervisor meeting, Met with MTA president. Working on a 3 year road plan. CR 380 turned back to gravel will be discussing this with road commission.

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 July there was 8 calls. Average response time was 8.17 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: 53 property checks. 9 criminal complaints and 22 non-criminal; 1 traffic violation; 3 obstructing justice; 1 hit and run; 1 Breaking and Entering; 5 general assists; 2 alarms; 1 assaults.

COUNTY COMM: Grant for defense program has been put on hold due to a lawsuit filed by Oakland County. An appeal has been filed for the 80 acres sale of land that was owned by the county claimed it sold for more than the tax sale. Working on a road plan county wide.

PLANNING COMMISSION: We have reached a file agreement on the Master Plan it will be reviewed by the county commissioners. Working on text for solar fields.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Next meeting will be September 7th and we will discuss keeping and disposing safely any prescriptions for medicine that you may have.

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: Abernathy reported that the township could get chain link installed for free. \$750-\$1000. To seed the ball field with the correct seed.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: Nothing to report.

FOIA REPORT: 1 request by Speicher.

TRUSTEE2: No report.

CORRESPONDENSE: None.

DISCUSSION: Ball field.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to table bids for transfer station. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to table ZBA appointment Christy Case. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to accept the resignation from J. Zecklin from ZBA board. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Curtis seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2017-16 commodities. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Curtis seconded by Corke to accept Audit draft from Auditors June 2017. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve to get bids for security cameras. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Gruss seconded by Corke to approve upgrade on all computers to the 2013 version. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Butch Murphy commented on the transfer station needing a tire changer and that there are a lot of tires at the station.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Curtis. Time 8:05pm

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk