

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21ST 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: Curtis. Roll call was taken. 19 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$175,145.24	Road Fund	\$541,925.74
Fire Fund	\$349,689.01	Ambulance Fund	\$-1,908.37
Trust and Agency	\$2,833.96	Tax Fund	\$46,369.45
North Lake	\$8,059.95	House Fund	\$47,937.50
Police Fund	\$217,489.67	Saddle Lake Fund	\$31,145.21
General 2	\$19,649.39	Road 2	\$91,149.61

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 10-17-17 need correction; Special meeting minutes: 11-7-17 & 10-24-17; 11-1-17 needs correction. Invoices thru 11-21-17 and treasurer's report. Motion by Gruss and seconded by Norton to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Attend MTA conference and special meetings; prepared winter tax statements for mailing; the hall will now have a new more secure drop box for mail.

CLERKS REPORT: Checked on transfer station and Breedsville cemetery; observed the election in South Haven briefly to check out the new tabulators. Completed payroll, invoices, filing, minutes, synopsis, ambulance checks.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lee Abernathy

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Closed on December 25 & 30, 2017. Happy Thanksgiving.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Add resignation from R. Puckett to agenda; medical marijuana and zoning change.

SUPERVISOR: Attended special meetings; anyone interested in Frontier Internet please call 1-877-433-3806 ext. 0484 Marianne. Road commission will be installing more Horse and Buggy signs and I will be meeting with road commission to discuss road work for 2018. Updating the website. Contact Bloomingdale schools if you need any within reason yard work done and you may be helping a Senior student with community service to aid in graduating.

ASSESSOR: Danielle is working with in the township again. Will be checking on new buildings.

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 October there was 10 calls. Average response time was 5.30 minutes for the month. The new repeater works very well. 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. Suspending the Multi-Department Membership in order to retain our fire fighters.

POLICE: 11 health & safety and 2 civil disputes; 6 traffic crash; 18 general assists; 1 medical assist; 5 assaults; 4 alarm; 6 obstructing justice; 2 larceny.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Completed public hearing on 11-8-17. Attended MSU extension seminar. Surveys have been completed.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Check your dryer vents and smoke detector batteries. The vets have been called to Arms.

SENIOR SERVICES: Food truck are back December 13th 2017 at Paw Paw Senior Center. 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.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: End of season.

ZONING: No report.

LAWSUIT: No report.

FOIA REPORT: 1 request.

TRUSTEE2: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Policy Packet 2017-02 Motion by Norton seconded by Corke. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to change office hours on Wednesday to 4 – 7pm. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to hire new electrical inspector for the township. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to pay invoice from R. Nuismer for the installation of the cameras and monitor at the township hall. NTE \$635.00. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Gruss seconded by Corke to have properties for sale go back to the committee for finishing. Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke to have Garvison Alarm move censor in the meeting room. Motion carried. NTE \$56.00.
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve \$260.00 for newsletter to be mailed with tax bills. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Norton to send back Zoning sections 3.04 #4 to the planning commission and make change to #5 in section 3.04. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve survey results and give them to planning commission to use as guidance for medical marijuana with in the township. Motion carried. Gruss voted no.
9. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to accept resignation from R. Puckett as electrical inspector. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kovach stated why are you giving the surveys to the planning commission if the surveys suggest “no” also personal safety for the township. Abernathy thanked the board. Gruss stated that it is hard to number on the % of arrests. Unknown stated what % of residents returned survey. Lukens asked about frontier services. Shrank stated thanked the board for working on Medical

Marijuana issues good idea for the planning commission to have opportunities to included guests and law enforcement.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time: 8:35p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk