

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27TH, 2018 7:00PM**

A meeting of the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Present were: S. Corke, K. Gruss, J. Huizenga, L. Norton and B. Sherrer. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 19 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$186,736.38	Road Fund	\$640,311.59
Fire Fund	\$403,829.45	Ambulance Fund	\$1,768.40
Trust and Agency	\$2,834.89	Tax Fund	\$219,202.65
North Lake	\$10,948.47	House Fund	\$48,000.57
Police Fund	\$232,731.25	Saddle Lake Fund	\$30,994.17
General 2	\$19,675.25	Road 2	\$91,269.55

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 2-20-18 Special meeting minutes: 1-20-18, 3-10-18,3-21-18,2-23-18,3-7-18,2-17-18. Invoices thru 3-27-18 and treasurer’s report. Motion by Norton and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: There were no salary increases this year. Worked on the budget. ZBA is currently paid per issue and they may desire to go to month meetings. Server upgrade.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed filing, payroll, regular minutes, special meeting minutes, synopsis, invoices and reports. Worked on budget and completed two mandatory election preparation classes. Special meetings.

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: motion by Norton seconded by Corke to add planning commission request to change date for medical marihuana ordinance to the agenda. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR: We have a new trustee Beverly Sherrer; welcome. Worked on budget, hired a new law firm for the township; possibly have a new zoning administrator tonight. Tire collection will be on August

11, 2018. Extending time on the Speicher Foia Appeal.

ZONING: No report.

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 4 calls. Average response time was 19.00 minutes for the month. Remember 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: 2 health & safety; 1 traffic crash; 4 general assists; 3 assaults; 1 alarm; 1 fraud; 1 traffic violation; 2 suspicious situation.

COUNTY COMM: No report.

SENIOR SERVICES: 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION REP: the planning commission is requesting more time for the medical marihuana ordinance. Approved regular meeting dates for the year. Tabled some items on the agenda due to time restrictions. Special meeting on March 23, 2018 regarding setbacks for grow facilities.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: End of season.

FOIA REPORT: L. Miller requesting dvd's of planning and board meetings for 6 months; 1 request from Flammang; 1 request from Braunz.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1 ken speicher

DISCUSSION: zoning administrator Tasha from MTS in Allegan; ZBA, BOR applicants; upgrading server, police deputy laptop for office at fire station; dangerous building ordinance; litter ordinance; resolutions and new keyless entry locks for the hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to approve upgrading the server \$2000.00. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve to table road resolution. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to table electrical inspector contract. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to hire Tasha from Michigan Township Services to replace P. Hudson as zoning administrator and accept contract. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke to approve resolution 2018-06 budget adoption. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to approve resolution 2018-02 meeting dates. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve resolution 2018-03 pay certain expenditures. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve resolution 2018-04 banking institutions. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve resolution 2018-05 salary and wages. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to approve resolution 2018-08 fire levy. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to approve resolution 2018-07 budget amendments. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to table dangerous building ordinance. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to table litter/machinery ordinance. Motion carried. 4 yes; 1 no
10. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to table keyless entry for hall. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to extend time for medical marihuana ordinance date to June 15, 2018. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga approve purchase laptop for Supervisor NTE \$1200. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to remove Leslie Elrod from ZBA board. Motion carried.

14. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to place Christy Case as a permanent ZBA board member. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lukens: taxes are going up and the township has no future or master plan and taxes that were mailed in didn't post until much later date. A lady stated that she has the neighbors animals over in her yard wanted to know what she could do. Steve: the village of Breedsville will be filling pot holes but they slow the traffic down, natural speed bumps. Flammang: where will you use the money from the medical marihuana funds and is the new zoning administrator familiar with GAMP. Gruss: 3 complaints that stand out at meetings; keyless entry door locks for the hall.

BOARD COMMENTS: Huizenga stated that the veterans of America will be gathering to give their opinions of the state of the united states today and the freedoms they fought for.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk