

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2018 7:00PM**

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$210,944.48	Road Fund	\$731,651.02
Fire Fund	\$441,507.56	Ambulance Fund	\$1,779.88
Trust and Agency	\$2,836.32	Tax Fund	\$139,945.96
North Lake	\$3,797.40	House Fund	\$48,097.46
Police Fund	\$238,173.05	Saddle Lake Fund	\$23,250.65
General 2	\$19,714.96	Road 2	\$91,453.75

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 8-21-18. Special meeting minutes: 9-10-2018. None. Invoices thru 9-18-18 and treasurer's report. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Gruss to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Busy time last Friday it was deadline to pay summer taxes. Attended special board meeting. All funds ending balances increased.

CLERKS REPORT: None.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tracy from fire auxiliary; upcoming events at fire station. Steve from the Breedsville Village Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Ditching.

SUPERVISOR: Received a petition from some residents of the Village of Breedsville in incorporate the Village and join Columbia Township; the planning commission is still accepting surveys. Estimates from road commission on road work and ditching.

ZONING: No report.

ASSESSOR: Possible increase of 2% for residential value.

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 August there was 13 calls. Average response time was 5.52 minutes for the month within township. 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. Asked board to consider a new storage building for the fire department.

POLICE: 1 traffic crash; 12 general assists; 3 civil disputes; 6 obstructing justice; 9 alarm; 6 larceny; 7 assaults; 2 stolen vehicle; 4 trespass; 19 medical assist.

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: 20 residents attended the public forum. MSU extension donated their time for the event; 120 surveys returned so far.

CEMETERY: Keep it clean after you visit.

BALL FIELD: Playing ball on the field.

FOIA REPORT: on going request for Speicher for meeting packets and special meeting notices for all boards.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: Outdoor posting board; Hearing officer; Neighborhood Watch Agreement; Petition from some residents of the Village of Breedsville to dis-incorporate due to lack of operational funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to appoint David Leroy as the dangerous building hearing officer. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve \$450.00 for outdoor posting board. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Norton to have Deputy Clerk take meeting notes in absence of the clerk. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Norton to approve Neighborhood Watch Agreement. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve Elva Drive ditching estimate from road commission \$1338.00. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to accept 2018 audit statement. Motion carried.
4. Table ditching/hydro-seed at 16th & 56th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Speicher stated ramp at dump will need rebar and cement and will be a large project. Abernathy stated good idea to have public comment at discussion time. Lukens announced fall festival October 13, 2018.

BOARD COMMENTS: Huizenga stated that the township should have emergency preparedness plan.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer. Time: 8:14 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk