

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019 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, B. Sherrer. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 19 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$239,166.09	Road Fund	\$705,912.16
Fire Fund	\$477,523.06	Ambulance Fund	\$1,789.17
Trust and Agency	\$2,837.55	Tax Fund	\$226,514.96
North Lake	\$15,505.49	House Fund	\$48,178.16
Police Fund	\$245,368.47	Saddle Lake Fund	\$44,768.29
General 2	\$19,748.04	Road 2	\$91,607.20

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: Needs corrections 1-15-19. Special meeting minutes: None. Invoices thru 2-19-19 and treasurer’s report and payroll thru 2-19-19. Motion by Corke and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: January was busy with taxes; had a budget meetings. Would like to invite Bloomingdale Communications for a presentation.

CLERKS REPORT: Business as usual for January; held some budget meetings; filing; notices; North Lake SAD. Requested road counter be placed on CR 388 this road is in horrible condition and needs repair like years ago and has been severely neglected.

GUEST SPEAKER: T. Nesbitt the new county treasurer; Pride Care Ambulance. Road Commission Representative. Residents Stafford, Bodtke presented to the board that they would like to possibly donate a pavilion in the memories of family for the ballfield. Lucas device Representative and Conservation District Representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR:

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 January there was 12 calls. Average response time was 0.00 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.

POLICE: 3 traffic violation; 3 general assists; 2 suspicious situation; 1 health & safety; 1 assaults; 1 trespass; 1 B&E; 1 alarms.

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: Meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

CEMETERY: No report.

BALL FIELD: None.

FOIA REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION:

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to table Resolution 2019 poverty exemption. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Corke seconded by Gruss to re-approve Opt out of Marihuana establishments within the township so that a summary can be published in the paper. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to MTA conference attendance for 4 board members. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Corke to hire Gary Gruss to the Board of Review for 2 year term. Motion carried. Gruss abstained from vote.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to purchase Lucas Machine for the fire department NTE \$15000.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Abdul commented that the township needs to consider more medical marihuana facilities with in the township to help generate funds. Steve R. commented medical funds can be used on roads, parks, attorney fee and clerk fees according to Breedsville attorney.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sherrer stated that the township can only use the Medical marihuana funds on items that pertain to Medical Marihuana. Huizenga stated that Nesbitt will be coming to the township in March.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer. Time: 8:20 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk