

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26TH, 2019 7:00PM**

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$236,152.12	Road Fund	\$744,274.61
Fire Fund	\$501,591.81	Ambulance Fund	\$1,790.87
Trust and Agency	\$2,837.77	Tax Fund	\$165,150.36
North Lake	\$18,144.73	House Fund	\$48,192.94
Police Fund	\$253,424.05	Saddle Lake Fund	\$44,771.72
General 2	\$19,754.10	Road 2	\$91,635.31

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 1-15 & 2-19-2019. Special meeting minutes: 2-26 & 27-2019; 3-4-2019. Invoices thru 3-26-19 and treasurer’s report and payroll thru 3-26-19. Motion by Gruss and seconded by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: The weeks of February were very busy with taxes; had 5 budget meetings. Truth is precious and worth digging for, small town gossip is nothing new.

CLERKS REPORT: No report.

GUEST SPEAKER: Sheriff Abbott stopped in for a brief visit to let the township know of his availability to the public. Road commission shared information on the sealcoat of roads in the township for 2019.

SUPERVISOR: Met with the road commission; addressing the blight complaints and road side trash issue with the township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clean-up week April 8-12 2019, Free Dump Day April 13, 2019 Saturday.

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 15 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: 2 larceny; 2 B&E’s; 2 trespassing; 4 traffic violations; 4 Health & Safety and 1 obstruction of justice.

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: still reviewing master plan; edits are being made and will review again at next meeting; we have a public hearing for Old Dune Farms requesting a special use permit for operation of Medical marijuana facility.

CEMETERY: Suggest a flag and pole with plaque for the cemetery.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve Resolution 2019-04 budget amendments. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Gruss seconded by Norton to approve Resolution 2019-05 Budget Adoption in summary form. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to approve Resolution 2019-06 Pay Certain Monthly Expenditures. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to approve Resolution 2019-07 Banking Institutions. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to approve Resolution 2019-08 Fire Levy. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Gruss to approve Resolution 2019-09 Salary's & Hourly Wages. Motion Carried. Adding the first responders pay column.
7. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to approve Resolution 2019-10 Meeting Schedule. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve Resolution 2019-11 Fire Cadet Program. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: G. Gruss commented that Blight enforcement is not rocket science he performed the job for 3 townships and only had to write 2 citations. Communication with the offender is key; most are willing to clean up and cooperate. Beckwith commented that maybe the township could use the jail crew to help with road side clean up.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk