

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 7:00PM**

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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. 17 Citizens were present.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

General	\$272,975.39	Road Fund	\$832,185.77
Fire Fund	\$508,674.44	Ambulance Fund	\$1,798.88
Trust and Agency	\$2,841.53	Tax Fund	\$44,165.33
North Lake	\$9,005.13	House Fund	\$48,262.41
Police Fund	\$276,722.36	Saddle Lake Fund	\$44,832.99
General 2	\$19,782.57	Road 2	\$91,767.41

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Regular meeting minutes: 4-16-19. Special meeting minutes: 4-16-19 & 5-4-2019 Invoices thru 5-21-19 and treasurer's report and payroll thru 5-21-19. Motion by Corke and supported by Huizenga to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Sherrer supported by Norton to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** upcoming annual audit; account statement balances on back table. Conservation district would like to include flyer in tax envelope.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Completed payroll, invoices, notices, synopsis, minutes, resolutions, filing, monthly and quarterly reports and filings and worked on North Lake Special Assessment District.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** None.

**SUPERVISOR:** Attended road meetings, met with residents about ditching. Township cleanup day went well. Township Committee will host a yard sale if have enough participation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clean-up week April 22-29 2019, Free Dump Day April 27th, 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 April there was 26 calls. 21 calls were medical. 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; 20 general assists; 0 Health & Safety and 2 obstruction of justice; 10 assault; 4 medical assist and 4 alarms.

**COUNTY COMM:** Commissioners approved the county treasurer's request to borrow \$7,000,000.00 revolving tax fund; Commissioners agreed to appeal Michigan Tax Tribunal for 2016; audit showed county is in sound financial condition.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REP:** Commission held a public hearing for Meilke; reviewed and approved draft of section 6 of the master plan. Looking into updating some maps.

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

**BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to table Gasper Contract. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to approve contract with Michigan Township Services (zoning Administrator) for 1 year. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to approve Resolution 2019-14 North Lake Tax Roll. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Norton to approve Resolution 2019-15 Revolving loan Fund North Lake Special Assessment District only. Motion carried. 1 no Corke
5. Motion by Gruss seconded by Corke to table payment of wages drafted by Supervisor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to table credit card use drafted by Supervisor Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to approve Special Land Use for Accessory Building for M. Mielke. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Gruss to table ZBA text amendment. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Gruss to have a closed session with township attorney to discuss OMA violation by the board on 4-25-19 legal opinion; there are no lawsuits pending or any that have been filed at this time regarding the township. 3 yes; 2 no Corke and Huizenga. Motion fails.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lukens stated that the website need update time of meeting and the planning commission should take into consideration property on lakes is not a large parcels as others and may have different needs for setbacks and such.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga. Time: 8:50 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor  
Stacey Corke, Clerk