

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20TH, 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, and B. Sherrer. Absent: None. Roll call was taken. 18 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$293,505.15	Road Fund	\$831,693.12
Fire Fund	\$505,420.43	Ambulance Fund	\$1,812.90
Trust and Agency	\$2,848.70	Tax Fund	\$80,699.96
North Lake	\$12,908.93	House Fund	\$48,384.16
Police Fund	\$262,029.85	Saddle Lake Fund	\$19,479.88
General 2	\$19,832.48	Road 2	\$91,998.91

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 7-16-19 TABLED. Special meeting minutes: 7-25-19 TABLED. Invoices thru 8-20-19 and treasurer's report and payroll thru 8-20-19. Motion by Norton and seconded by Sherrer to the approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Sherrer seconded by Gruss to approve agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Extended tax to September 16, 2019. Attended special meeting. Treasurer reports are on the back table.

CLERKS REPORT: Happy Labor Day. Completed payroll, invoices, minutes, notices, filing, had voting equipment mandatory updating done. Attended special board meetings.

GUEST SPEAKER: Pride care

SUPERVISOR:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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. 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: 25 general assists; 3 obstruction of justice; 7 assault; 4 larceny; 2 alarm; 3 B&E's; 5 Trespassing; 11 traffic crashes; 5 traffic violations.

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. Senior Citizens purchased the former Village Market Building in South Haven.

PLANNING COMMISSION REP: Work continues on the Master Plan.

CEMETERY: Working on the plaque for the flag pole.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Corke seconded by Norton to approve electrical agreement with Winchester dating August 20, 2019. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to make credit card payments without receipt so that there are no late fees incurred; person responsible for charge must turn in receipts within 30 days. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to approve Marathon credit card for fire station... Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to have township pay for the building permit for the pavilion that will be donated by Bodtkes. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to approve Resolution with Consumers Energy to replace old street light bulbs to LED bulbs. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to approve recording secretary for public hearing that will be held by the planning commission. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to adjust transfer station budget. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Huizenga seconded by Sherrer to approve Tustins to seal coat fire station 2 NTE \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Miko stated that he keeps getting the run around on CR 380 about it being paved, all he keeps getting is excuses; can't cut trees due to bats, ditches are not mowed etc,. Abernathy commented Columbia is #4 in providing revenue to the county for roads and we get nothing done to the 3 county roads that the township has, the township should be getting way more roads done with the monies that are contributed from this township. Robertson stated that on Tuesdays in Breedsville at the Resource center you can get food and clothing. Collins stated that the septic system needs to be taken in to consideration in placement of the Pavilion location. Corke commented that his request to the board will be that Linda Norton resigns or he will seek legal action for the OMA violations committed by Linda Norton and the board.

BOARD COMMENTS: Gruss commented that she is seeking a Deputy Treasurer that may be interested in running for the position as she is not seeking re-election. Sherrer commented she don't understand the mind set why people take legal action against the township, the township has no insurance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga. Time: 9:10 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk