

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17TH, 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, and B. Sherrer. Absent: S. Corke. Roll call was taken. 19 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$278,387.52	Road Fund	\$832,399.49
Fire Fund	\$497,708.14	Ambulance Fund	\$1,817.63
Trust and Agency	\$2,851.12	Tax Fund	\$43,783.49
North Lake	\$11,738.73	House Fund	\$48,425.26
Police Fund	\$253,505.28	Saddle Lake Fund	\$22,791.04
General 2	\$19,849.32	Road 2	\$92,077.05

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 8-20-19 tabled. Special meeting minutes: 7-25-19 approve. 8-8-19 tabled. Invoices thru 9-17-19 and treasurer’s report and payroll thru 9-17-19. MTA dues and Marathon credit card; Motion by Norton and seconded by Gruss to the approve expenditures and minutes. Motion carried.

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Still pay summer taxes here at the office there will be a late fee; I am appointing Rhonda Collins as the new deputy treasurer as she has showed an interest in the position and thank you to Laura Beckwith for being a good deputy. Had a meeting with Pride Card and discussed some complaints; there was an attempt to record this meeting by the supervisor without knowledge to myself until after. I am requesting minutes from the clerk in 8 days and that the supervisor administer the oath by October 2nd.

CLERKS REPORT: None.

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

SUPERVISOR: Attended road commission meetings working with them on budget for next year.

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. The month of August 1 fire structure with in the township and 22 various other calls.

POLICE: 4 health and safety; 5 larceny; 2 alarm; 3 B&E’s; 5 Trespassing; 1 fraud.

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 in the future land use section. Looking at the zoning map.

CEMETERY: Will be taking down the flag for the winter on Veterans Day.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga for Gruss to apply for Marathon card NTE \$500.00
Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to purchase signs for dumpster and Little Bear Lake
Public Access. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded Sherrer to adopt 2020 secondary road plan that the township
road committee completed and question the road commission further on the county roads
388 & 380. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to accept Tustins bids for the sealcoating of the
Township Hall NTE \$5000.000 and Fire Department Station 2 NTE \$4000.00. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to combined road savings account into the road
general account and therefore close out the savings account at Chemical Bank. Motion
carried.
6. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to combined general saving account into the
general account therefore closing the savings account at Chemical Bank. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Norton seconded by Gruss to pay MTA Dues if not paid by the 20th of September.
Motion carried.
8. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to establish a PO Box for the treasurer. Motion
carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shrank stated that she would like the township to consider that class a growers supply recreational marihuana by opting in. Huberty stated that there is a tax payers association within the township now. Corke stated that the township board would rather go thru a lawsuit before they will admit to wrong doing and that is what got the township into trouble with the last law suit; I am still asking for Norton's resignation; are there going to be fences put up at the public access to prevent encroachments; did the board address the EFR that was sleeping on the job; also stated to the board that the new posting board is there because the other board was broken into and not secure anymore. Rogusta stated that it is hard to get answers from the road commission that they talk in circles. G.Gruss stated that the new buildings in town are very nice; should be more positive and less negativity and more pride in the township.

BOARD COMMENTS: Norton stated thank you for attending. Gruss stated that blight and road complaints are the most common complaints.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga. Time: 8:52 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk