

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 15TH, 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. 10 Citizens were present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General	\$324,816.83	Road Fund	\$915,647.86
Fire Fund	\$486,505.17	Ambulance Fund	\$1,822,21
Trust and Agency	\$2,853.46	Tax Fund	\$43,809.96
North Lake	\$14,350.00	House Fund	\$48,465.06
Police Fund	\$246,430.68	Saddle Lake Fund	\$41,289.66
General 2	closed	Road 2	closed

CONSENT AGENDA: Regular meeting minutes: 7/16/19, 8/20/19, 9/17/19. Special Meeting: 8/8/19. Invoices thru 10-15-19 and treasurer's report and payroll thru 10-15-19 & assessors report. Motion by Huizenga and seconded by Corke to the approve expenditures and minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to approve agenda. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Summer taxes can still be paid at the township late fees will apply; I want the best ambulance service available within current monetary limits; Rhonda Collins is deputy treasurer.

CLERKS REPORT: Completed minutes, synopsis, filing, quarterly reports, notices and other clerk duties.

GUEST SPEAKER: Pride Care Ambulance; road commission representative Doug; Kurt from county commissioners.

SUPERVISOR: Received FOIA appeal from K. Speicher appealing charges; Received Summons/Complaint failure to complete a FOIA request; Attended road commission meetings; Bloomingdale is willing to partner with Columbia and road commission to fix CR 388; Supervisors meetings are done until February; Thank you to planning commission on their hard work.

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 September 1 fire and 1 grass fire.

POLICE: 9 criminal; 2 larceny; 1 alarm; 2 B&E's; 1 assault; 1 traffic crash; 12 general assists.

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: Worked on section 7 of Master Plan; Farm market text amendment will go for county approval; ordering a variety of maps to include in the Master Plan.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga for Gruss to approve audit from Siegfried Accounts
Motion carried.
2. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to table Emergency First Responder discussions.
Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to partner with Bloomingdale Township and Road
Commission to fix CR 388 from the RR Tracks to Bloomingdale City Limit if the road
commission puts this project on the 2020 Budget and Bloomingdale accepts also; cost to
Township estimated \$184,00.00. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to set Halloween October 31, 2019 5-7pm trick or
treat. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to send letter of termination to Pride Care due to
breach of contract not meeting run time for priority one calls, give 60 day to comply with
contract and secure Life Ambulance service if termination results; 12-14-2019 deadline for
Pride Care. Motion carried. Corke no vote.
6. Motion by Sherrer seconded by Huizenga to send text amendment for Master Plan back to
county for approval. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Corke seconded by Huizenga to table Petition from Mary Harrison to disincorporate
the Village of Breedsville according to Township Attorney petition is at this time invalid.
Motion carried.
8. Motion by Norton seconded by Sherrer to reimburse K Speicher overcharge on FOIA. Motion
carried.
9. Motion by Norton seconded by Corke to table Summons from K. Speicher. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga to approve purchase of new phone for fire chief
NTE \$450.00. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer to approve \$300.00 to repair gate at Transfer Station.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lukens stated that the text amendment should go for county approval. Shrank stated that it was a good thing that Columbia Township voted to support Senior Services she sees how it affected community that did not support the services; she also would like to see the township begin to talk about adult use marihuana. Adams stated that she represents Core Med Farms in the township and would like to have a community forum about Adult Use and Medical Marihuana to help in educating people and build a relationship with the township in the process; Core Med Farms would also like to donate picnic table for Gazebo. Harrison stated that she would like to know the status of the petition that she filed with the Township to disincorporate the village of Breedsville, why the Township has not taken any action on this. Gruss stated that commends the board on CR 388; good for all the people. Speicher stated that he questions the charges for the hourly rate the Attorney charged for the FOIA.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Norton seconded by Huizenga. Time: 9:30 p.m.

Linda Norton, Supervisor
Stacey Corke, Clerk