

**Columbia Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**January 20, 2020**

**The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Christine Kolar, Christina Parmenter, Kathy Trischler, Dara Hood, Dave DeSimpelare

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Briynne McCrea (9:15-9:30), Mark Haney, Tuscola Co. Advertiser (8:30-

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to approve Minutes of December 16, 2019 as printed.  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

**COMMUNICATION**

DTE provided a map of the planned tree trimming within the township in 2020 to help improve electric reliability in the community.

The Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office submitted a proposed Tuscola Co. Animal Control Ordinance for the board to review. Clerk to provide response that the ordinance provides excessive and unnecessary regulation for our rural areas.

**LIBRARY**

- The annual appeal generated \$340 in donations.
- Digital magazine circulation has increased as patrons become aware of the service.
- The new free dvd policy for older dvds is a huge hit as circulation has increased 283% since its start in November.

**CEMETERY**

Dave Yoder provided a quote for removal of trees that have rotted within the cemetery. The township will hire Kerkau Tree Service to trim and remove three trees for a quote of \$1,450.

**POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to accept the Poverty Exemption Policy & Guidelines for 2020 as provided. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to pay the following fire department bills as presented: \$3,556.12. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Monthly bills**

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kolar to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$7,749.84 and Accounts Payable \$126,150.97 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Trischler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 17, 2020 at 8:30 AM