

**Columbia Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**February 15, 2021**

In light of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, special accommodations have been set in place for public and board member attendance via Zoom Video Conferencing in accordance with the MDHHS Order Feb 4, 2021.

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

**Board Members Present:** Roll call: Christine Kolar, Christina Parmenter, Kathy Trischler, Chris Creguer

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Osama Hammad

Motion by Trischler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to approve Minutes of January 18, 2021 as printed.  
Roll call: Ayes: Parmenter, Trischler, Creguer, Hood, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION**

-Request by Nick Sakon to utilize the township lot for spring-fall planting has been granted, Jason Adams no longer is going to utilize the property.

-Property owner, Osama Hammad, addressed the board regarding the possibility being able to construct a pole building on recently purchased property on French and Hoppe. Zoning requirements were discussed along with suggestion of submission to the Planning Commission for consideration.

**LIBRARY**

- An update was given on the library project and the remaining items to be tied up to complete it
- Brynne is applying for a \$2,500 LSTA Grant from the Library of MI for another AWE computer for kids which is enormously popular with children.
- Occupancy capacity report was provided for the new building

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Meeting Time Change**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trischler to propose a resolution to change the meeting times to the following schedule for Board of Review: March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm, (organizational meeting), March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 am-9:00 pm, and March 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Parmenter, Trischler, Kolar, Hood, Creguer Nays: None Motion carried.

**Submission of Board of Review Appeals**

Motion by Creguer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trischler to propose a resolution to allow all property owners appeal in writing for the Columbia Twp March Board of Review. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Parmenter, Trischler, Creguer, Hood, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

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### **2021-22 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

The Preliminary Budget was provided and reviewed.

### **SALARY RESOLUTION**

Salary resolutions for 2021-22 were reviewed and determined.

### **2021-21 MEETING DATES**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trischler to schedule township board meetings to the following with meeting dates being changed from third Mondays to third Tuesdays of each month and meeting times continuing at 8:30 a.m. The November date is changed as stated.

April 20	May 18	June 15
July 20	August 17	September 21
October 19	Nov. 9	December 21
January 18	February 15	March 15 Reg. Mtg. & Budget Hearing

Roll Call: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Hood, Creguer, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

### **POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES 2021 & 2022**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Parmenter by to adopt a resolution that allows an exemption granted in 2019 or 2020 to carry forward to 2021, 2022 and 2023 for those persons who receive a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases (Federal Supplemental Security Income, Social Security disability or retirement benefits). Roll Call Vote: Parmenter, Trischler, Hood, Creguer, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Parmenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kolar to adopt a resolution for any new exemptions in 2021, 2022 or 2023 to remain exempt for up to 3 years for persons who receive a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases.

A person that receives an extended exemption under MCL 211.7u(6) must file an affidavit rescinding the exemption with the local assessing unit within 45 days after: 1) ceasing to own and occupy the Page 4 property as a principal residence; or 2) a change in household assets or income that defeats eligibility for the poverty exemption. If the person fails to file the required rescission and the property is later determined to be ineligible for the exemption, the person is subject to repayment of any additional taxes with interest as provided in MCL 211.7u(6)(b).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Hood, Creguer, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Bills**

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$3,811.34. Roll Call: Ayes: Parmenter, Trischler, Creguer, Hood, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

#### **ACW-Unionville Fire Department Operating Agreement**

Motion by Creguer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kolar to approve the amendment to the ACW-Unionville Fire Department Operating Agreement with the amendment to Section 1 by Wisner Township increasing to 16 Sections. This will add sections 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Parmenter, Trischler, Creguer, Hood, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Monthly bills**

Motion by Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trischler to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$8,589.08, Accounts Payable \$40,464.71. Roll Call: Ayes: Trischler, Hood, Creguer, Parmenter, Kolar, Parmenter Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Trischler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Trischler, Hood, Kolar, Creguer, Parmenter Nays: None Motion carried.

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Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 AM