

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
February 17, 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, Robert Mantey, Tuscola Co. Drain Comm. (8:30-9:15)

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

LIBRARY

- Library will be closed at 5:00 pm on Monday, March 9th and closed for the entire day on Tuesday, March 10th.
- Statistics of library usage were very good as many of the areas showed increase: Increase of 193% for Children's Easy Readers, Junior Fiction circulation increase of 24%, Picture Book circulation 31% increase, Junior Non-fiction circulation doubled, Adult Non-fiction 63% increase, New book circulation-34% increase, Device circulation-419% increase. Door traffic, new cards, and adult fiction use remained relatively static.

Board of Review Meeting Location Change

Tuesday, March 11th, the Board of Review will be changed to the Village of Unionville, 6454 Merry St. from 9:00-3:00.

DRAINS

Robert Mantey, Tuscola Co. Drain Commissioner, addressed the board about proposed drain work.

Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by Kolar to pass a resolution that the Board of Columbia Township does hereby approve the expenditure of more than \$5,000.00 per mile by the Drain Commissioner of the County of Tuscola for the purpose of re-establishing the portions or drain in Road District #11 Drain in Section 20 & 2, a distance of approximately 0.77 mile or 4,087 feet or 248 rods, to original grade and bottom width, remove vegetation and debris, cleanout farm crossing bridges and culverts, repair slopes, cleanout road crossing culverts and bridges and grade-out and repair established county side drains of the Road District #11 Drain in Columbia Township.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar

Nays: None

Abstained: Dara Hood, DeSimpelare

Motion Carried

Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by Kolar to pass a resolution that the Board of Columbia Township does hereby approve the expenditure of more than \$5000.00 per mile by the Drain Commissioner of the County of Tuscola for the purpose or re-establishing the portions of drain in Sections 1-101 & 36 -101 Columbia Township, Sections 12 & 13 South Akron Township and Section 25

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North Akron Township. A distance of approximately 5.15 mile or 27,218 feet or 1650 rods, to restore and maintain the general operation of the drain and the cost of the work required in re-establishing the above described portions of the drain to original grade and bottom width, remove vegetation and debris, cleanout farm crossing bridges and culverts, repair slopes, cleanout road crossing culverts and bridges and grade-out and repair established county side drains of the Ainsworth Drain in Columbia Township.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar, DeSimpelare

Nays:

Abstained: Dara Hood

Motion Carried

2019/2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by Trischler to approve the following amendments to be made to the 2019-20 budget:

ACCOUNT	AMT	TOTAL BUDGET	EXPLANATION
101-445-700	\$2,900	\$37,900	actual drain bill more than estimated

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

2019-20 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The Preliminary Budget was provided and reviewed.

SALARY RESOLUTION

Salary resolutions for 2020-21 were reviewed and determined.

2020-21 MEETING DATES

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Trischler to schedule township board meetings at 8:30 a.m. the third Monday of each month with November date being changed.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Hood to pay the following fire department bills as presented: \$8,175.34.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by Hood to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$8,148.15 and Accounts Payable \$53,545.63 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Trischler to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:30 AM