

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting and Budget Hearing
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
March 19, 2018

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

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

Absent: Dara McGarry

Others Present: Briynne McCrea (10:00-10:20)

Minutes of February 19, 2018 were approved as printed.

BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Trischler to suspend the regular meeting in order to conduct the Budget Hearing for the 2018-2019 budget. Motion carried.

The Budget Hearing commenced at 8:30 am

Board members present: Trischler, Kolar, McGarry, DeSimpelare, Parmenter

No visitors present.

After finalization of the budget, Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by DeSimpelare to close the budget hearing and resume the regular session. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

2018/19 BUDGET APPROVAL

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Parmenter to accept the budget as determined for the 2018-2019 budget year. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

- Kolar provided information from the Tuscola Co. Prevention and Recovery Coalition regarding the Marijuana Dispensaries Act.
- Trischler provided a sample ordinance for blight and civil infractions for review.

ROADS

Resolution for Support for the reconstruction of the Loomis Rd. Bridge over the Wiscoggin Drain

BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbia Township Board hereby supports the Tuscola County Road Commission in their application for State and/or Federal participation in funding the replacement of the Loomis Road Bridge over the Wiscoggin Drain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board, County of Tuscola, concurs that this replacement is urgently needed for the structure built in 1930.

Ayes: Kolar, Parmenter, Trischler, DeSimpelare. Nays: None Motion carried.

Contracts were signed for road work to Cass City Rd. from Graf Rd to French Rd. with the low bid price being from Kappen Excavating for a project quote of \$212,415.80

Contracts were signed to replace the deck on the structure at Cass City East of Colling over the State & Colling Drain with the township portion being 25%, not to exceed \$2,000.

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ROADS con't

A letter was reviewed from Dick Dehmel regarding his request for insertion of a drain tube crossing Graf Rd. on the South side of Ackerman Rd. due to flooding in the area.

LIBRARY

- A grant was submitted for a Library Services and Technology Act Grant through the Library of Michigan. The grant would be utilized to purchase an AWE LiteracyGo Tablet for the children’s area if received.
- The hotspot and laptop circulation has been doing very well with hotspots being circulated 32 times and laptops being circulated 13 times since their purchase a couple months ago.

INSURANCE POLICY REVIEW

Kolar provided the insurance policy renewal with no changes from the previous year’s policy.

ZONING

Zoning Permit #2018-2 was issued to Kevin Findlay for the addition to existing at 5640 Bell Rd., Unionville. Ck#1617

2017/18 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Trischler second by DeSimpelare to approve the following amendments to be made to the 2017/18 budget:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
101-247-700	\$500	\$2,700	adj line item within budget – bd of review
101-171-700	\$1,000	\$31,000	adj line item within budget – unforeseen exp
101-253-957	\$500	\$19,500	adj line item withing budget – treasurer exp

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MILLAGE PROPOSALS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE, ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES RENEWALS

RESOLUTION TO establish ballot language for a road millage renewal.

Whereas, the Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan is responsible for the maintenance of public roads within the township, and

Whereas, the Township of Columbia’s Board of Trustees wishes to renew this millage for the continued maintenance of public roads within the township, and

Whereas, the Township of Columbia must provide the residents with an opportunity to ballot on said maintenance millage renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board establishes the following ballot language:

MILLAGE PROPOSALS con't

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
ROAD MAINTENANCE MILLAGE**

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Columbia Township of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4927 mills (\$1.4927 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000) for seven years, 2019 through 2025 inclusive, for the purpose of repairs, improvements, and maintenance; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$181,244.

The foregoing resolution offered by Parmenter, seconded by Kolar.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar, DeSimpelare. Nays: None

Absent: McGarry

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION TO establish ballot language for a road millage renewal.

Whereas, the Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan is responsible for the construction of public roads within the township, and

Whereas, the Township of Columbia's Board of Trustees wishes to renew this millage for the continued construction of public roads within the township, and

Whereas, the Township of Columbia must provide the residents with an opportunity to ballot on said construction millage renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board establishes the following ballot language:

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MILLAGE**

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Columbia Township of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4927 mills (\$1.4927 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000) for seven years, 2019 through 2025 inclusive, for new road construction; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$181,244.

The foregoing resolution offered by Parmenter, seconded by Kolar.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Trischler, Kolar, Parmenter, DeSimpelare.

Nays: None

Absent: McGarry

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION TO establish ballot language for emergency services millage renewal.

Whereas, the Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan is responsible for providing emergency services to its constituents, and

MILLAGE PROPOSALS con't

Whereas, the Township of Columbia's Board of Trustees wishes to renew this millage for the continued emergency services within the township, and

Whereas, the Township of Columbia must provide the residents with an opportunity to ballot on said emergency services millage renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board establishes the following ballot language:

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Columbia Township of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4927 mills (\$1.4927 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000) for seven years, 2019 through 2025 inclusive, for Emergency Fire and Ambulance Services and/or Equipment for the Township of Columbia; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$121,496.

The foregoing resolution offered by Parmenter, seconded by Kolar.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Trischler, Kolar, Parmenter, DeSimpelare.

Nays: None

Absent: McGarry

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2nd by DeSimpelare to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$1,958.37. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Trischler, second by DeSimpelare to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$9,439.08 and Accounts Payable \$24,482.90 Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Trischler to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. Ayes:3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 16, 2018 at 8:30 AM

