

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting and Budget Hearing
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
March 20, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Christine Kolar, Kathy Trischler, Dara McGarry, Dave DeSimpelare

Absent: Christina Parmenter

Others Present: Residents Bill Koepf, Mark Zimmer, Matt Lutz, Robert Haag, Todd Lutz, Ruth Elston, Elson Baur, (8:30-10:00) Michele Zaverucha (Tuscola Co Road Commission) (8:30-10:00), Briynne McCrea (10:00-10:20)

Minutes of February 20, 2017 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATION

- A special election will be held in August 2017
- Members of the Planning Commission and Board went to a safety meeting at Consumers to go through their safety program and procedures.

ROADS

Residents from Huron Line Road addressed the board about concerns regarding the new road construction project plans. Michele Zaverucha, Tuscola Co. Road Commission, addressed the concerns with the construction plans and water flow plans to try to correct flooding issues in the area. It was proposed by residents whether running the ditch to the East side of the woods would be a possible option. After much discussion, the township is looking into continuing with the plan with the first mile and delaying the last .6 of a mile until further investigation can determine the best option to resolve the water issues.

LIBRARY

- It is possible that libraries will lose funding for MelCat from the Federal government
- Updating juvenile nonfiction section.
- Briynne has signed up for the Rosey Program that allows for us to get rid of used books. RIDES will deliver packing cartons and pick up the books free of charge.

BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Trischler to suspend the regular meeting in order to conduct the Budget Hearing for the 2017-2018 budget. Motion carried.

The Budget Hearing commenced at 10:40 pm.

Board members present: Trischler, Kolar, McGarry, DeSimpelare

No visitors present.

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

2017/18 BUDGET APPROVAL

Motion by McGarry, 2nd by DeSimpelare to accept the budget as determined for the 2017-2018 budget year. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2016/17 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Trischler second by DeSimpelare to approve the following amendments to be made to the 2016/17 budget:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
101-101-700	\$1000	\$14,000	adj line item within budget – prof services
101-171-700	\$2,000	\$25,000	adj line item within budget – original Feb adj not adjusted to include March bills

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by McGarry to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$8,165.77. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by DeSimpelare, second by McGarry to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$7,906.44 and Accounts Payable \$14,146.60 Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 17, 2017 at 8:30 AM