

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
April 16, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Christine Kolar, Kathy Trischler, Dara McGarry, Dave DeSimpelare, Christina Parmenter (8:30-10:00)

Absent: Christina Parmenter

Others Present: Residents Bill Koepf, Mark Zimmer, Matt Lutz, Robert Haag, Todd Lutz, Ruth Elston, Elson Baur, Bob Lutz, Eric Kelly, Tammy Kruse (8:30-10:00) Michele Zawerucha and William Green (Tuscola Co Road Commission) (8:30-10:00), Tom Young (Commissioner District 1) (8:30- 10:10) Briynne McCrea (10:00-10:20)

Minutes of March 20, 2017 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATION

Tom Young stated that a wider shoulder will be completed for the bridge entering the village on Bay City-Forestville which will allow for pedestrians and bikers to be able to have room for passing over safely.

The township Fee and Permit Schedule was reviewed. Kathy is to review the fees and present any recommendations for changes at the next meeting.

ROADS

Residents from Huron Line Road addressed the board about concerns regarding the new road construction project plans. Concerns were with the current of the condition of the road and the need for improvement along with the need to get the flow of water to take care of current water flooding issues and prevent future issues when road is constructed. Michele Zawerucha and William Green, Tuscola Co. Road Commission, addressed the concerns with the construction plans.

Motion by Desimpelare, 2nd by Parmenter to have a survey completed for the Huron Line Road project from Huron Line Rd South to the Wiscoggin Drain and to the North drain along with cost of construction. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Discussion was had about the issue of 4 way stop at French and Huron Line due to traffic safety. Motion by Trischler, 2nd by McGarry to have a request submitted to the Tuscola County Road Commission to have a study completed for a 4-way stop at French Rd. and Huron Line Rd. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- A Planning commission site plan resolution on M-24 for the laydown yard in which Consumers' were to meet certain requirements in which they have done so.
- Work continues on creating a Solar Energy Ordinance for the township.

LIBRARY

- An additional \$90 were received in memorial donations in which books were purchased for the juvenile non-fiction collection.
- School break movie brought in a great turnout with 23 people attending.
- Proposed Federal budget cuts to libraries will have a large impact with the following areas being affected if they take place: Michigan e-library databases, MeLCat/interlibrary loans, statewide summer reading program materials, support for website platform, Every Child Ready to Read materials, Sponsorship funds for continuing education, Support for the Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Michigan Activity Pass, The Michigan Reads! Program.
- A grant was written to the National Home Library Foundation for \$3,5000 to update and improve our juvenile nonfiction, picture books, and graphic novel collections. Facts about our current collection are:
 - 65% of our juvenile nonfiction books are 20+ years old, 30% are 30+ years old
 - 57% of our picture books are 20+ years old, and 25% are 30+ years old

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2nd by McGarry to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$2,011.68. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by DeSimpelare, second by Trischler to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$7,093.09 and Accounts Payable \$38,543.44 Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is May15, 2017 at 8:30 AM