

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes

Columbia Township Library

Community Meeting Room

April 20, 2020

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 Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-15.

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

Board Members Present: Christine Kolar, Christina Parmenter, Kathy Trischler, Dave Desimpelare, Dara Hood

Absent:

Others Present: Briynne McCrea

Motion by DeSimelare, 2nd by Trischler to approve Minutes of March 16, 2020 as printed. Roll Call: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, DeSimpelare, Hood, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried.

LIBRARY

- The grant submitted to the Library of Michigan for VOX Books and graphic novels has been approved for \$2,000. Deadlines for utilizing the funds have been pushed back to August and until December for submission of required report submission.
- When the library is able to open back up for business to patrons after loosening restrictions, it may not be going back to business as usual all at once. Briynne will participate in discussions with the library co-op in the coming weeks as to what other libraries will set in place in cautiously re-opening doors.
- Building project is moving along as much as can be done at this time during the Stay-At-Home order. Some areas are on hold due to not being able to get contractors in. Securing the loan for the project is taking some time as well due to our loan request not being a top priority at this time.

LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL

PRESENT: TRISCHLER, PARMENTER, KOLAR, HOOD, DESIMPELARE

The following resolution was offered by Kolar, seconded by Parmenter:

RESOLUTION TO establish ballot language for a library millage for the August 4, 2020 election.

Whereas, the Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan is responsible for the operations of the library of the township, and

Whereas, the Township of Columbia's Board of Trustees wishes to request this millage for the continued maintenance and daily operations of the township library, and

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

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

Shall Columbia Township, County of Tuscola, Michigan, levy a tax of up to 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 7 years, 2021 through 2027 for operating and maintaining the township public library? If approved and levied, the millage renewal will raise estimated revenues of \$183,000 in the first year.

The foregoing resolution offered by Kolar, seconded by Parmenter.

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

Nays: None

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

AMBULANCE

Kolar provided a review of the March ACW Ambulance Meeting:

- Equipment to make the cot self-loading was approved for purchase in order to make it easier for ambulance personnel to load patients.
- The budget was determined with income of \$194,260 and expenses of \$192,000.
- Ambulance fee charges were reviewed with an adjustment to mileage to be more in line with average from \$12.50/mile to \$14/mile.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by Hood to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$10,561.30.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar, Hood, DeSimpelare Nays: None

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Trischler, 2nd by Hood to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$10,116.55 and Accounts Payable \$72,025.50

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar, Hood, DeSimpelare Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Trischler, 2nd by Hood to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 am.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar, Hood, DeSimpelare Nays: None

Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 18, 2020 at 8:30 AM