

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
May 15, 2017

The clerk called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Kathy Trischler (present 11:00-11:10)

Others Present: Residents Todd Lutz, Ruth Elston, Elson Baur, Bob Lutz, Eric Kelly, Tammy Kruse (8:00-9:00) Michele Zaverucha and William Green (Tuscola Co Road Commission) (8:00-9:00), Gary Osminski (Huron Co Road Commission) (8:00-9:00), Bob Mantey (Tuscola Co. Drain Commission), (8:00-9:00) Briynne McCrea (10:00-10:20)

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by McGarry to approve minutes of April 16, 2017 as printed. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

COMMUNICATION

Kolar attended the construction meeting for the Cross Winds Energy Park, Phase II and provided an update on the project. Project is still in early stages, working on getting necessary permits in place.

Trischler provided an updated Zoning Permit Fee Schedule for review and discussion at next meeting.

ROADS

Michelle Zaverucha, Tuscola Co. Road Commission, stated that at the last meeting the board requested a survey be done from Huron Line Rd South to the Wiscoggin Drain and to the North drain along with cost of construction. She and Bob Mantey, Tuscola Co. Drain Commission, stated that after further review, that option would not be the best option as it would mean working in a different drainage district, an intercounty drain, and would not be the best option for the natural water flow. It would require a petition to the intercounty board and a necessity to do so for Kemp intercounty drain. It would be like adding a new branch and very costly process. Minimum 18 months. would need a DEQ permit.

Second option of moving water flow to Armbruster Drainage district, Miller Rd. A certification process and engineering would have to be done. It would have to go to the intercounty board and it may be denied. Would need to determine and certify that the water naturally drains that way or the only reasonable outlet. Could be a difficult process as well.

Third option of a surface drain possible to go to a private drain would be something to be worked out with landowner.

Fourth option of a surface drain to tile into Zimmer tile system, not thought to be a great option as water will still be sitting on crops.

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Option 5 of running a solid surface drain to its own tile and run it to the East to the Kemp Drain. Would place on the South side of the road, run tile to the East, and put a flap gate and a check valve at the Kemp drain. Would need to keep the drain clear of field debris as this would cause backups and flooding. The original bid that was submitted did not include pricing for a flap gate and check valve which would be an additional \$10,000 for materials and labor.

If an option to build the road up with limestone to avoid issues would be chosen, it would be a cost of \$50,000 which is more costly option than placing a tile to the East in option 5.

If a ditch would be placed on the North side by the woods, DEQ would need to be involved which would create more difficulties.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by DeSimpelare to accept bid for Huron Line Road from M-25 to French Rd for \$316, 880 and to also approve running of a tile approximately 2000 feet, East to the Kemp Drain on the South side of the road plus including a flap gate and check valve for an additional cost of \$10,000. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

LIBRARY

- A grant has been submitted for LSTA funding for the STEM program and will hear the outcome of the proposal in June.
- Briynne attended the White Pine Library Cooperative Meeting in April where discussion was had regarding the new Zinio digital magazine service which is now available by registering on the library website.
- The required report was submitted for the Dollar General Grant that was received which allowed us to provide new youth audiobooks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by Kolar to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$10,606.22. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by DeSimpelare, second by McGarry to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$9,583.21 and Accounts Payable \$13,321.74 plus additional bills of \$2,779.24. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 19, 2017 at 8:30 AM

