

**Columbia Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**July 15, 2019**

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

**Board Members Present:** Christine Kolar, Christina Parmenter, Kathy Trischler, Dara McGarry,

**Absent:** Dave DeSimpelare

**Others Present:** Briynne McCrea (9:00-10:15),

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McGarry to approve Minutes of June 17, 2019 as printed.  
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

**COMMUNICATION**

Air Advantage has grant opportunity to expand broadband internet in rural areas through the state of Michigan, through the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. It will look at working to provide internet to areas that are not properly served with a program called the Connecting Michigan Communities Grant. Air Advantage has asked for assistance from residents by sending a survey for information to compile to send for the grant submission.

Planning Commission is reviewing the zoning ordinance in effort to look at updating areas of the ordinance with a meeting in August and a public hearing planned for September.

Trischler attended meeting on discussing negotiations regarding the current tax appeals of wind energy.

**LIBRARY**

- The library received 97 new children's books through the Pilcrow Foundation Grant we received.
- Summer Reading program is going well with 86 children signed up and 27 kids already completing the program.
- The event held for older children have had great attendance with big groups for making constellation views, Lego building and slime making.
- The new summer playgroups have taken off nicely with around 10 children in attendance.
- "Growing our Community" flyers went out with the tax bills to inform residents of new library project.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmenter to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$25,803.32. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The regular meeting of Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> will be changed to Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Monthly bills**

Motion by Trischler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmenter to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$9,153.68 and Accounts Payable \$21,130.76 Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trischler to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am. Ayes:4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, August 19, 2019 at 8:30 AM