

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
August 19, 2019

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

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

Absent:

Others Present: Briynne McCrea (9:00-9:20), Mark Haney, Tuscola Co Advertiser

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by McGarry to approve Minutes of July 15, 2019 as printed.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

ELECTION INFO

Kolar discussed the proposed change of school election contracts in which all jurisdictions would be open when a school issue appears on the ballot if no other issues or votes are offered. Changes are being considered due to the passing of Proposal 18-3.

WIND ENERGY

An answer has been filed on behalf of the township with regards to the amount of first year of depreciation of wind turbines being contested by Consumers Energy.

LIBRARY

- Discussion was had about the current DVD rental charge. It was determined that all old DVD rentals would be free with a one-week checkout. New rentals will remain the same with a \$2 rental fee for a 2-day rental.
- Briynne plans to write a grant to the Tuscola Community Foundation in hopes of acquiring another AWE computer, an iPad catalog station for the children's area, and children's seating in the new area.
- Briynne has been asked to serve a term on the White Pine Board of Directors.
- A successful summer reading program has come to an end with 84 participants and 44 children completing the program.

RESOLUTION FOR BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR LIBRARY PROJECT

A resolution was offered by Board Member DeSimpelare and supported by Board Member McGarry:

The Board intends to acquire certain additions and renovations for the Columbia Township library building, as well as related improvements and equipment with an estimated cost of \$1,176,563, and to enter into an installment purchase agreement to finance the purchase of the Property for the amount of \$650,000. The Treasurer will negotiate offers with local financial institutions for acquiring the Installment Purchase Agreement.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, DeSimpelare, Kolar, McGarry
Nays: None

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Desimpelare to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$5,282.72. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission has been working on zoning ordinance review. A special meeting for revisions and additions is scheduled for September 17 at 7:00 pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Trischler, 2nd by McGarry to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$10,072.67 and Accounts Payable \$16,327.73 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by DeSimpelare to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am. Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, September 23, 2019 at 8:30 AM