

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
September 19, 2016

The supervisor called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Board Members Present: Christine Kolar, Ed Spannagel (11:15), Christina Parmenter (8:30-11:55), Michael Findlay, Kathy Trischler

Absent:

Others Present: Mary Drier, Huron Daily Tribune, Briynne McCrea, library director (11:40-11:), Michele Zaverucha, Tuscola Co. Road Commission (8:40-9:00) Steve Snider and Dennis Marvin, Consumers Energy (10:00 – 11:20)

Minutes of August 15, 2016 were approved as printed.

ROADS

At the August meeting, a solution to collecting water on Huron Line Rd was discussed. Michele Zaverucha, Tuscola Co. Road Commission stated her concern of directing the water to the county drain, that it would cause the ditch to be more than 7 feet deep. She feels this is too deep to go with this option. She also checked with the possibility to drain to Miller Rd., but that is not an option. The new proposed option would be to build the ditch flat keeping the same elevation, plus with the build-up of the road another 6 inches, to drain it to the Kemp Drain.

A request from the township was sent to the road commission for the changing of the yield sign from Hoppe Rd. to Graf Rd. as there have been concerns by residents since the paving of Hoppe Rd. Michele feels that is the best option and will propose it to the board. A stop sign would be put in its place.

WIND ENERGY

Ed and Kathy met with Consumers Energy as the company has plans in line for developing a second and third phase of wind energy in the township. Consumers Energy will be filing permits with the township later today for the proposed Phase II and Phase III wind energy project. The township is looking to retain Spicer Group for surveying services for the project as in the previous Phase I.

Dennis Marvin and Steve Snider, Consumers Energy, provided information about their decision as a company to work in additional wind energy into their electrical grid for providing electricity to their customers.

Consumers Energy will have a public open house at the American Legion on October 12, 2016 with a time to be determined.

FOIA REQUEST

The FOIA from Andrew Diederich, The Tuscola County Advertiser, was completed and mailed.

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LIBRARY

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Findlay to approve the new plan of service for the White Pine Library Cooperative Aye: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Trischler, 2nd by Findlay to increase the credit limit for the library credit card from \$2500 to \$3500. Ayes: 3 Nays 0 Motion carried.

The library was awarded a Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant for \$1,680 towards the purchase of a youth audiobook collection. Estimates are that this will enable the library to purchase 30 children's audiobooks, 25 juvenile audiobooks, 20 teen audiobooks, and all associated cases for housing them.

TUSCOLA CO MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION

As the Tuscola Co. Mitigation Plan has met the Federal Emergency Management Administration's required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, it is now provided for adoption to local units.

Motion by Spannagel, 2nd Findlay to hereby adopt the resolution of the Tuscola Co. Mitigation Plan as presented as the official plan of Columbia Township.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Spannagel, Parmenter, Findlay, Kolar, Trischler Nays: None
Motion carried.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

A draft copy of the ACW Emergency Services Building Agreement was provided for review. The building agreement is a proposed agreement between the three entities regarding construction, operation and maintenance of the ambulance building along with terms of termination of membership by any entity or discontinuation of operations of the ACW Ambulance Service.

Motion by Findlay, 2nd by Spannagel to accept the ACW Emergency Services Building Agreement as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Findlay to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$6,825.90. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Kathy attended a meeting regarding evasive species which involves phragmites problems. Grant funds have been provided to help with part of the issues. She also spoke to representatives about wild parsnips that are in the ditches which can cause health problems. There has been spraying on primary roads but they are on secondary roads as well. May have to look into getting sprayed with next year's budget.

The agreement for Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association was provided and reviewed. The plan would be a definite and prearranged plan whereby response and assistance is provided to a Requesting Party by an Assisting Party to furnish equipment, personnel and/or services when assistance is needed, such as in a major disaster.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT cont'

Motion by Findlay, 2nd by Spannagel to approve the resolution to enter into an interlocal agreement to improve fire services with the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association for the best interest of its citizens from a safety and fiscal standpoint.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Spannagel, Parmenter, Findlay, Trischler, Kolar Nays: None
Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Findlay, second by Trischler to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$6,338.62 and Accounts Payable \$7265.59 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 17, 2016 at 8:30 AM