

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
September 20, 2022

Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Board Members Present: Christine Kolar, Kathy Trischler, Dara Hood, Christina Parmenter, Chris Creguer

Absent:

Others Present: Jennifer Amormino (library director), Representatives of Tuscola Co. Road Commission- Brent Dankert, Jason Rothe, Will Green

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Hood to approve Minutes of August 16, 2022 as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried

LIBRARY

- One night only Haunted library will take place on Monday, October 17th for adults with a paranormal presentation with Nicole Beauchamp, founder of Tri-City Ghost Hunters Society and author of Haunted Bay City, MI.
- State Librarian Randy Riley from the Library of Michigan toured the library and others in the Thumb area discussing the importance that libraries play in their communities.

ROADS

- Graf Road is in process with crushing and shaping middle of October and project is still on track.
- Road Commission provided a report on proposed schedule of road maintenance that the township can use to determine a plan for future road work.
- The Road Commission provided bids for Ackerman Rd grade base and drainage design.

Motion by Creguer, 2nd Kolar to approve the bid of BMJ for Ackerman Rd. from M-24 to Graf Rd for grade base and drainage design in the amount of \$39,100. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

AGRI-BUSINESS ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

At the regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees, Tuscola County, Michigan, held on September 20, 2022 the following resolution was offered by Trischler and supported by Creguer,

WHEREAS, At the rescheduled regular meeting of the Columbia Township Planning Commission, Tuscola County, Michigan, held on 9th day of August 2022, at 7:00 p.m., recommended the adoption of the Agri-Business (Value Added Farming Operations) Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

WHEREAS, proper notice of the public hearing was published in the Tuscola County Advertiser on the 20th day of July 2022; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed Agri-Business (Value Added Farming Operations) Zoning Ordinance Amendment was held on the 9th day of August 2022 at the Columbia Township Hall; and

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, being Public Act 110 of 2006 as amended, have been complied with; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Columbia Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the adoption of the Agri-Business (Value Added Farming Operations) Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the Township of Columbia, with the following changes:

1. Change wording in amendment from “wedding barn” to “event barn”.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trischler, Creguer, Parmenter, Hood, Kolar Nays: None Motion carried

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MOWER PURCHASE

A new mower was purchased from Weiderhold Sales & Service, LLC for a 2022 Spartan SRT-XDe 54" Kawasaki mower for a cost of \$9,000.

PARCEL COMBINATION

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Trischler to approve the combination of lots with a total acreage of .4 acres for Jeff and Natalie Anker, 3092 Phelps and 3089 Bay St, Unionville, MI 4876, parcels 043-001-000-6100-00 and 043-001-000-6110-00 Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Hood, 2nd by Creguer to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$12,264.77. Ayes: 5 Nays: None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Hood, 2nd by Kolar to pay the following bills as presented:

Payroll \$14,656.09 Accounts Payable \$21,014.09. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Hood to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting and budget hearing is Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 8:30 AM.