

**Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**October 17, 2016**

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

**Board Members Present:** Christine Kolar, Ed Spannagel, Christina Parmenter, Michael Findlay, Kathy Trischler

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Dave DeSimpelare, Briynne McCrea, library director (10:00-10:30)

Minutes of September 19, 2016 were approved as printed.

**ROADS**

A letter was obtained from Brian and Jena Becker, of bordering Almer Township, requesting a switch of yield signs to stop signs on Graf and Elmwood Roads. Kolar will submit a letter of support to the road commission for their consideration of the request.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Gateway American Legion for the request of a Special Land Use Permit for a Utility Grid Wind Energy System submitted by Consumers Energy Company. The Special Land Use Permit application proposes 52 wind turbine locations, access roads, an underground electrical collection system, 3 meteorological towers, a laydown area and ancillary facilities.

**LIBRARY**

- The new Early Literacy Area, furnished by a grant received from the Tuscola Co. Community Foundation, is set up and ready to go with over 40 people using the space in the first 2 weeks. Many positive comments have been received.
- Briynne attended the White Pine Library Co-op Advisory Council Meeting in which some interesting things were discussed.
  - o The Co-op is looking to subsidize a portion of the cost of subscription for Zinio, an online periodical service.
  - o Overdrive will continue to be the e-book and audiobook service utilized.
  - o Information was received from the Caro librarian about creating a Makerspaces program in the library.
- Briynne provided estimates for purchasing a new copy machine as the one currently utilized is malfunctioning. She is to review the options that are best suited for the library and purchase it.
- The two front windows of the community meeting room have been damaged with cracks in the past month.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Each entity of the ambulance service had agreed upon contributing \$30,000 towards the ambulance building project. Additional expenses not figured for when planning the project, such as water and electrical hook-up, will require more funds that may be divided amongst the 3 townships.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Findlay to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$2,315.23. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Monthly bills**

Motion by Findlay, second by Kolar to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$6,303.13 and Accounts Payable \$22,816.14 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The meeting scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2016 is changed to Monday, November 9, 2016 at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 9, 2016 at 8:30 AM