

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
December 18, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Kathy Trischler, Dave DeSimpelare, Christina Parmenter, Christine Kolar, Dara McGarry (8:30-11:45)

Absent:

Others Present: Briynne McCrea (10:00-10:40)

Motion by McGarry, 2nd by DeSimpelare to approve minutes of November 9, 2017 as printed.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried

LIBRARY

- From the fundraising letters sent to residents in the community, the library received \$900. Briynne ordered 4 mobile hotspots to be available for rent with the funds that were donated.
- Summer reading plans have been started with the theme of “Libraries Rock”. A finale show will be subsidized by a 50% matching grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.
- Plans are underway to do a Harry Potter-themed “Escape the Library” program for upper elementary/middle school kids in which the library would be transformed into Hogwarts for the evening.
- Briynne had provided information on purchasing laptops for lending through the library. It was determined that we would purchase 2 laptops and necessary items for around \$600 and see how the need is before purchasing additional computers.

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by McGarry to accept the Collection Development Policy as presented and place into effect. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd by Kolar to accept the Library Materials Challenge Policy as presented and place into effect. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Parmenter to accept the Technology Lending Agreement as presented and place into effect. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

- Michele Zaverucha, Tuscola Co. Road Commission, is suggesting that the township place gravel on the west half of Huron Line Rd. from French to Colling with Consumers providing gravel for the East half. She also proposes that the board consider whether we would like to do the other half mile of Hoppe from Surin to Colling as the other half from French to Surin is to be completed by Consumers. Also, Colling Rd from Bay City Forestville North is to be completed by Consumers and if we would like to complete the other half mile to Huron Line Rd.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION Con't

- Kathy provided a list of roadwork to be repaired by Consumers after the completion of the wind energy phase II project.
- Possible road work for 2018 suggested by Kathy, Hoppe, from Colling to Ashmore to be repaved.

Correction:

Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd Kolar to apply gravel to Ackerman Rd, from Sheridan Rd to Burt Rd **and on the West half of Huron Line Rd. from French to Colling.** Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Motion carried.

WIND ENERGY CONSTRUCTION

- Consumers agreed to the work request for road repairs from the wind turbine construction. Kathy provided a list of road resurfacing from the project.
- Turbines have been in operation since the end of November. January 2nd they will be on the grid.
- Will revisit field tile operation in the spring to make sure the field tile is working.
- In March, sound testing will be done.

SOLAR ENERGY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Motion by Trischler, 2nd DeSimpelare to adopt the Solar Zoning Ordinance

WHEREAS, the prior Zoning Ordinance for Columbia Township was adopted on 15th day of July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, during 2017, the Columbia Township Planning Commission researched and prepared an ordinance to include an amendment to include Solar Energy Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendment was held on the 2nd day of November, 2017 at the Columbia Township Library, subsequent to which the Columbia Township Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new Zoning Ordinance was reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Tuscola County Planning Commission at a meeting held on the 2nd day of November, 2017; and

WHEREAS, all applicable statutes and legal requirements for the preparation and adoption of a township zoning ordinance have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board hereby adopts the proposed Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the Township of Columbia as Ordinance Number 100-01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of Adoption shall be published within fifteen (15) days and that the Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after the publication date.

Motion by Trischler, 2nd by DeSimpelare to accept the proposed Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, DeSimpelare, McGarry, Kolar Nays: None. Motion carried.

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THUMB ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Kolar received a response from Brian Garner, attorney, after his review of the proposed franchise ordinance with Thumb Electric. After review of his response, Kolar to ask Garner of his suggestions of any changes to the proposed ordinance.

PARCEL DIVISION

Motion by McGarry, 2nd by Kolar to approve the land divisions as presented:

Parcel Division was granted to William Matt 5061 N. Colwood, Unionville, MI 48767 for a split from Parent Parcel at 5061 Colwood Rd Unionville, MI 48767, Section 24, Town 14 North Range 9 East 004-024-000-1300-00.

Parcel Division was granted to Kendall and Lisa Rieman 339 County Road Fremont, OH 43420 for a split from Parent Parcel at Colwood Rd, Unionville, MI 48767 Section 24, Town 14 North Range 9 East, 004-012-000-0700-03 Transfer 22.43 acres to 004-012-000-700-01, Selling to Joel Gremel, 4328 Risky Rd, Sebawaing, MI 48759.

Parcel Division was granted to Carl Vollmar Farm INC, 8760 Cresent Beach Rd, Pigeon, MI 48755 for a split from Parent Parcel at 4462 Remington RD, Unionville, MI 48767, Section 36, Town 14 North Range 9 East, 004-036-000-0500-00 for 80 acre plot to separate house and barns in a 4.48 acre new parcel.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ZONING PERMIT

Zoning permit #20179 was issued to Robert VanBevern at 5075 Colling Rd for the purpose of building a covered porch.

Zoning permit #201710 was issued to DBA United Construction on behalf of Jonathan Ramirez for the purpose of building a new home at 6320 Graf Rd.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2017-18

Motion by DeSimpelare, second by Parmenter to approve the following amendments to be made to the 2017-18 budget:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
226-820-700	\$1,000	\$43,000	adj line item within budget – change of services to new company resulting in an increase in cost.
101-410-700	\$1,000	\$8,000	add'l meetings for solar ordinance

Ayes: 4 Nay: 0 Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by DeSimpelare, 2nd Parmenter to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$7,804.82 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills Motion by Parmenter, second by DeSimpelare to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$8,869.63 and Accounts Payable \$20,658.98. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Trischler to adjourn meeting at 11:55 am. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 15, 2017 8:30 AM