

**Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**October 19, 2015**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Briynne McCrea, library director (9:50-10:20), Robert Mantey, Tuscola Co. Drain Commissioner (10:00-10:50)

Minutes of September 21, 2015 were approved as printed.

**AMBULANCE**

The ambulance board met again to discuss the plans for a new ambulance service building. Additional plans regarding building design were reviewed. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to review any new information to keep the project moving forward.

**DRAIN RESOLUTION**

Robert Mantey, Tuscola Co. Drain Commissioner, addressed the board about drains that need to be cleaned out.

- Northwest of the Village of Unionville, Bauer-Lois Drain put out for bids for maintenance which was for \$22,000 with additional expenses that will bring it up to about \$35,000. Other entities will be assessed for the project that were not originally, therefore, bringing down the township assessment. In the past, the township has been assessed at 20% of the expense. Project will be likely be assessed over 4 years at a cost to the township that is currently undetermined.
- The Neighborhood Drain, located East of the Village of Unionville, connects directly into the Wiscoggin, is in need of cleanup. The township will be at 25% assessment for a bid of \$18,000 which will be \$5,000 - \$6,000 of the township portion possibly over 3 years.

Motion by Findlay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spannagel to pass the resolution for repairs and maintenance of the Bauer Lois Drain( Sec. 36) and Neighborhood Drain. The board approves the expenditure of more than \$5,000 per mile by the Drain Commissioner of Tuscola County for the purpose of re-establishing the portions of the said drains to original grade and bottom width, remove vegetation and debris, and cleanout farm crossing bridges and culverts, repair slopes, cleanout road crossing culverts an bridges and grade-out and repair established county side drains

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

**LIBRARY**

- Briynne stated that the library's picture book collection for children has now been organized according to theme. When children are looking for books of interest, they will look to specific categories such as animals, trucks, princesses, etc., therefore, providing ease to young patrons.

**Library con't**

- Briynne wrote a grant to submit to the Tuscola Community Foundation in an effort to provide an Early Literacy Collection for children from birth to age 5. She will then organize a children's nook for kids to enjoy the library.
- Briynne was able to receive a copy of the original contract for library services between Wisner and Akron Townships for the support of the Columbia Township Library from Kathy Webb at the Library of Michigan. The contract states that the townships would contribute 50% of their penal fines to our library.
- Plans are being made to determine new programming interests for the library.

**TOWNSHIP WEBPAGE**

The new township webpage is in service with much more content for residents to utilize. Kolar asked board members to review the content available on the site and inform her of any changes or additions to the website to be added.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spannagel to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$1,277.93. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Monthly bills**

Motion by Spannagel, second by Kolar to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$7,186.20 and Accounts Payable \$7,742.65 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 9, 2015 at 8:30 AM