

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes
Columbia Township Library Meeting Room
January 16, 2024

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Pam Shook, Wisner Twp, Nick Sakon, ACW Fire Dept. Chief, Paula Link, Library Asst Director

Motion by Hood, 2nd by Trischler to approve the Minutes of December 19, 2023 as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

LIBRARY

- In collaboration with the American Legion Women’s Auxilliary, the library hosted 120 community members for the Holiday Hoopla with stations of the 12 Day of Christmas.
- Read To Me Monday will have a special visitor monthly as therapy dog, Sully, will join the group.

ROADS

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Creguer to approve the contract for brine for the 2024 season with Wilkinson Solutions for two applications at \$10,656. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

2023-24 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Trischler to approve the following amendments to be made to the 2023-24 budget:

ACCOUNT	AMT	TOTAL BUDGET	EXPLANATION
226-820-700	\$3,000	\$66,000	adj line item within budget – large load costs, fuel surcharges
206-336-700	\$7,000	\$130,000	adj line item within budget – payroll
101-181-700	\$3,000	\$25,000	adj line item within budget – wage increase

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – ACW FIRE AUTHORITY

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Parmenter to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Akron, Columbia, and Wisner Township as presented as they now desire to form a separate legal entity, pursuant to MCL 124.507, to provide fire protection services to their respective township residents, thereby, establishing the ACW Fire Authority

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

BLIGHT, NOXIOUS WEED AND LITTER PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Hood to approve the Blight, Noxious Weed and Litter Prevention Ordinance as presented, an ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by preventing, reducing, or eliminating blight within the Township of Columbia; to define and prohibit blight; to define and prohibit tall grass and noxious weeds; to define and prohibit littering; to assess costs for blight removal; and to provide penalties for violations.

Roll Call Vote: Trischler, Parmenter, Hood, Kolar, Creguer Nays: None Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Parmenter to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$4,135.44 Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial reports were provided for review.

Monthly bills

Motion by Trischler, 2nd by Creguer to pay the following bills as presented:

Payroll \$13,476.37 and Accounts Payable \$25,840.98. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Creguer to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 8:30 AM.