

**Columbia Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
*April 18, 2023*

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

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

**Absent:** Christina Parmenter

**Others Present:** Amanda Mecomber (lib director), Bob Hare, Steve Linzner, John Katnik, Christina Marten, Jane DeGroat, Matt DeGroat, Kathy Hare, Don Mecomber

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Creguer to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2023 as presented.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None, Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion was had with residents about concerns with events and parking on their private property across from the library. The board will investigate ways of deterring patrons from parking in those areas when events are taking place along with making those renting aware that parking is not allowed across the street in those locations.

**LIBRARY**

- We welcome Amanda Mecomber who has been hired as the new library director starting the position on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Yaroch Asphalt will be starting the parking lot project in May.
- Don Mecomber, Crossroads Christian Church, proposed the request for rental of the community room for temporary use for services.

**LAND DIVISION**

Motion by Trischler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Creguer to approve the land division for Kevin Findlay of 2 acres of property from parent parcel #004-014-000-1300-00, 5640 Bell Rd., Unionville, Sec 14, Town 14, N Range 9 East, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Roll call Vote: Trischler, Hood Creguer, Kolar Nays: None motion carried.

**PA116 RELEASE- Partial Termination**

The following resolution was offered by Trischler and seconded by Kolar.

Whereas: On April 18, 2023 the Township received a request from Kevin Findlay for approval to have a certain parcel released from the **Farmland Development Rights Agreement number 79-3977-123125** which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (“The Act”); and

**WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed this request and DETERMINED that THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE PARCEL WAS PRESENT PRIOR to the original execution of said agreement; and**

**WHEREAS, the parcel proposed for release from agreement is two acres or less in size or applicant provided documentation for larger than two-acre; and**

**WHEREAS, the township board finds that the request for release of the particular parcel acceptable;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD AS FOLLOWS:**

(1) That the Township Board hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Developments Rights Agreement, Section 14, Town 14 North Range 9 East E ½ of SW ¼ of SE 1/4. Parent Parcel: #004-014-000-1300-00

**That the Township Board hereby certifies that at least one structure located On the certain piece of property was present prior to the original execution of said Farmland Development Rights Agreement.**

2). That the township clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making the request and to the Farmland Unit of the Mi Dept. of Agriculture.

ADOPTED YEAS: KOLAR, TRISCHLER, CREGUER, HOOD  
NAYS: none  
ABSENT: PARMENTER

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Creguer to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$30,263.63 Ayes: 4 Nays: None, Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Monthly bills**

Motion by Creguer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to pay the following bills as presented:

Payroll \$12,787.98 and Accounts Payable \$118,387.53. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Creguer by to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

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Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting and budget hearing is Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 8:30 AM.