

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
July 18, 2023

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

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

Absent:

Others Present: Amanda Mecomber (lib director), Jim LaValley Precinct Delegate Columbia Twp, Laura Hawes Ellington Twp Trustee/Precinct Delegate, Billy Putman, Tuscola Co Republican Chair

Motion by Hood, 2nd by Creguer to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2023 as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Billy Putman, Tuscola Co Republican Chair, presented two ordinances to the board for consideration; the first being The Pro-Life Protection for Tuscola Co and the second being the 2nd Amendment Ordinance for Tuscola Co.

LIBRARY

- 1,230 patrons in the library in June
- All Summer Reading weekly programs have all been very well attended with the finale scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st from 5-7 pm with National Night Out.

ROADS

Change in Road Commission Public Hearing date to August 17th at 9:00 am at the Tuscola County Road Commission for the Ackerman Rd. construction project.

LAND DIVISION

Motion Parmenter, 2nd Creguer, to approve the land division for Kevin Findlay of 8 Acres with easement with house, barn and sheds Parent Parcel: 5640 Bell Rd, Unionville, MI, Section 14, Town 14 North Range 9 East Part of SE ¼, 004-014-000-1300-00, 40 Acres PA 116, 101 AG Real. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE- CONSUMERS ENERGY

Motion by Kolar, 2nd Creguer to adopt the Gas Franchise Ordinance as presented;

WHEREAS, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF COLUMBIA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board hereby adopts the proposed Gas Franchise Ordinance for the Township of Columbia as Ordinance Number 2023-01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of Adoption shall be published within thirty (30) days and that the Ordinance shall take effect one (1) day after the publication date.

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

CIVIL INFRACTION ORDINANCE

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Hood to adopt the Civil Infraction Ordinance as presented:

WHEREAS, establishing municipal civil infractions, enforcement procedures, and providing penalties and sanctions for violations of ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board hereby adopts the proposed Civil Infraction Ordinance for the Township of Columbia as Ordinance Number 2023-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of Adoption shall be published within thirty (30) days and that the Ordinance shall take effect one (1) day after the publication date.

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

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DANGEROUS AND NUISANCE DOG ORDINANCE

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Kolar to adopt the Dangerous and Nuisance Dog Ordinance as presented;

WHEREAS, establishing an ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Township and its residents by regulating certain conduct relating to dogs and the keeping of dogs; by prohibiting dangerous dogs within Columbia Township; and to provide penalties for any such violations of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia Township Board hereby adopts the proposed Dangerous and Nuisance Dog Ordinance for the Township of Columbia as Ordinance Number 2023-03.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of Adoption shall be published within thirty (30) days and that the Ordinance shall take effect one (1) day after the publication date.

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

ZONING PERMIT

Zoning permit #2023-6 was issued to Sherry Liberacki to tear down garage and reconstruct, using same foundation. at 6158 Unionville Rd Parcel# 004-002-000-0500-01.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by Creguer to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$9,056.17 Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

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

Payroll \$14,912.38 and Accounts Payable \$14,398.68. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Creguer, 2nd Hood by to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 8:30 AM.