

Columbia Township Meeting Minutes
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
September 19, 2023

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

Board Members Present: Kathy Trischler, Christine Kolar, Christina Parmenter, Chris Creguer (8:30-9:45), Dara Hood

Absent:

Others Present: Jim LeValley (precinct delegate), Nick Sakon (ACW Fire Dept Chief), Amanda Mecomber (Lib Director), John Katnik (Village of Unionville)

Motion by Creguer, 2nd by Parmenter to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2023 as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Jim LeValley, precinct delegate for Columbia Township, addressed the board to make the board aware of the possible changes from the state regarding the zoning of wind and solar energy.

ROADS

Concerns of brush overhanging road on Hoppe Rd. between Ashmore and Colling. A quote was obtained for brush removal with additional quotes to be requested.

LIBRARY

- The Summer Reading Program commenced with 180 participants.
- The library had 2,216 patrons walk through the doors from June thru August.
- National Night Out was a huge success once again with 25 organizations and 15 trucks/vehicles in attendance.

TRASH SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT

Information was received from Emterra stating that due to increasing operational costs, the charge for service is increasing by \$1.59 per month per household.

Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by Hood to increase trash assessment to \$120 due to the increasing cost of trash service. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar, Hood Nays: None Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – ACW AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

The Townships of Akron, Columbia, and Wisner desire to join together under an Interlocal Agreement to establish the ACW Ambulance Authority. The municipalities desire to form a separate legal entity, pursuant to MCL 124.507, to administer their agreement to provide emergency ambulance and medical services.

Motion by Hood, 2nd Trischler to approve the ACW Ambulance Authority Interlocal Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Hood, Trischler, Parmenter, Kolar Nays: None. Absent: Creguer Motion carried.

LAND DIVISION FEES

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Parmenter to increase the township land division fees to \$150. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

ASSESSOR WAGE

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Parmenter to increase the assessor wage by \$2,700 due to additional workload created by wind energy parcels. Ayes: 3 Nays: None Abstain: Hood Motion carried.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Hood, 2nd by Kolar to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$20,652.77 Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Parmenter, 2nd by Hood to pay the following bills as presented:

Payroll \$13,725.99 and Accounts Payable \$19,004.90. Ayes: 4 Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Hood to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm. Ayes:4 Nays: None Motion carried.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 8:30 AM.