

**Columbia Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Columbia Township Library**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**September 21, 2021**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Jennifer Amormino (library director), Nick Sakon,

Motion by Creguer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hood to approve Minutes of August 17, 2021 as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried

**MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

Motion by Creguer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmenter to adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended M.C.L. 30.401 et.seq. authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended among political subdivisions within the State;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by Columbia Township that in order to maximize the prompt, full and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster we hereby adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

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

**LIBRARY**

- The library was awarded the full amount of our request (\$6,600) for the Michigan Humanities HOPE Grant Jennifer has been in contact with Makalya Matt and author Susie Finkbeiner to schedule their programs throughout the next year. She has also been working on our wish list to add STEAM supplies, Story Time cushions and other library technology needs to fulfill the grant.
- We have kicked off our “regular” weekly programming which includes Story Time on Wednesday mornings, After-School Fun on Thursday afternoons and Columbia Craft & Chat on Monday mornings.
- We have started a new monthly adult Book Club, which will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. At our first meeting on September 14, we had 8 attendees.

**CAREGIVER CULTIVATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND HIGH AMPERAGE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Creguer to adopt the Caregiver Cultivation of Medical Marijuana and High Amperage Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented;

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia Township Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the proposed Caregiver Cultivation of Medical Marijuana and High Amperage Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice of the public hearing was published in the Tuscola County Advertiser on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on the proposed Medical Marijuana and High Amperage Zoning Ordinance Amendment was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 at the Columbia Township Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the proposed ordinance was submitted to the Tuscola County Planning Commission for review on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

**WHEREAS**, all the requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, being Public Act 110 of 2006 as amended, have been complied with; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Columbia Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Caregiver Cultivation of Medical Marijuana and High Amperage Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the Township of Columbia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Notice of Adoption shall be published within fifteen (15) days and that the Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after the publication date.

Roll Call Vote: Trischler, Parmenter, Creguer, Hood Kolar Nays: none

Resolution declared adopted.

### **ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE- THUMB ELECTRIC**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trischler to adopt the Electric Franchise Ordinance as presented;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Electric Franchise Ordinance, an Ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise, Thumb Electric, to use local public rights-of-way and transact local electrical business in the Township of Columbia

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbia Township Board hereby adopts the proposed Electric Franchise Ordinance for the Township of Columbia as Ordinance Number 2021-02.

**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.

### **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmenter to approve the Donation Request by the Unionville Farmer's Market for the refurbish and repair of the Unionville gazebo in Kemp Park in the amount of \$4,300. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### **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 \$1,122.44 Ayes: 5 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 \$10,307.74 and Accounts Payable \$11,932.80 Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Kolar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parmenter to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am. Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried.

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Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 8:30 AM