

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
5686 KENWOOD ROAD CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

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The Columbia Township Regular Board meeting was called to order by Trustee David Kubicki at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance

Those Trustees in attendance were David Kubicki, Chris Kritikos and Susan Hughes. The Township Administrator, Michael Lemon and Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve regular meeting minutes from September 12, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Special Guest

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus presented a “Menu of Opportunity”; a resource for local governments and communities.

Open Forum

Carl Jones expressed concerns over the fire department merger and costs to the township. Mr. Lemon pointed out that Mr. Jones had requested and received extensive documentation of possible expenditures and cost/savings scenarios in one of his many public record requests.

Stacey Bon shared issues she is having with a neighbor violating the noise ordinance and questioned our noise ordinance compared to neighboring policies; i.e. Mariemont. Mr. Lemon indicated that the Township would offer assistance should the problem persist.

Department Reports

Fire Inspector’s Report

Mr. Wendell’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Road Superintendent Report

Mr. Servizzi’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Police Report

Lt. McElroy’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Fiscal Officer Report

Ms. Heekin’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Lemon's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Mr. Lemon shared details regarding several items including the Comprehensive plan status; a public meeting was held prior to the Trustee meeting. We should be able to submit the new plan in December and have approval in January.

Bid for Waste Collection and Recycling was opened. Rumpke was actually the only company to turn in a bid; however, we will actually pay less through 2020 than we paid in 2011. This rate is among the lowest, if not the lowest, for comparable services in the area.

LMJF&R merger will likely pass at the meeting on the 11th; if all goes as we anticipate we could actually be in a position to lower resident's taxes in the years ahead. Mr. Kubicki expressed the gravity of this decision and the length and breadth of exploration to arrive at a decision. Mr. Kubicki thanked Mr. Lemon for his counsel and oversight of this merger and its potential benefits to the Township.

The Bike Path Study will be about 1 month behind schedule; Great Parks relayed the information that the consultant has had a medical issue.

JEDZ revenues are up 22% from last year and we hope to see that trend continue.

Roe Street construction continues; we have received some complaints but mostly compliments about the quality of work. We expect to finish four weeks ahead of schedule. There was misinformation disseminated during the election campaign about overtime costs by the contractor; as our agreement indicates, any overtime will be absorbed by the contractor.

We held three Township Meetings educating residents about the LMJF&R merger and other items happening in the Township. Many residents expressed appreciation for the meetings being held in the neighborhoods and for the information.

Mr. Kubicki indicated that we will listen to interested parties in the Medical Marijuana Dispensary issue and discuss at a later date.

LMJF&R Report

Mr. Kubicki reported that there is a meeting tomorrow (10/11/17) and the merger will likely pass.

Trustees Report

No reports

Communications

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Northside, are you ready for a roundabout?" (9/13)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Clermont Co. commissioner seeks protection"(9/14)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Group's vision: One trail network to rule them all" (9/15)
- Community Press: Article "Indoor trampoline park coming to Columbia Township" (9/15)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Indoor trampoline park coming to Columbia Township" (9/18)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Time for politico to 'man up,' be transparent" (9/20)
- Great PARKS: Letter Inviting Officials on Tour of Parks (9/21)

- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article “EXCLUSIVE: Silverton, CPS clash over asbestos at site of major mixed-use project” (9/28)

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Resolutions

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Ms. Hughes makes a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-29**. All present vote yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Adopting the 2017 Columbia Township Comprehensive Plan Update. We will have a 2nd reading in November.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Authorizing Payment for Commercial Insurance Package. We will have a 2nd reading in November.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Sign Necessary Agreements for Commercial Insurance Package. We will have the 2nd reading in November.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to Rumpke of Ohio, Incorporated for Waste and Recyclable Collection and Disposal Services; Authorizing the Administrator to Enter into Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Incorporated. We will have the 2nd reading in November.

Old Business – No old business is discussed

New Business – Medical Marijuana issue already covered. Official “Trick or Treat” time on Halloween for the Township will be 6pm to 8pm.

Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports

Mr. Kubicki makes a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for September 12. All present voted to approve.

Announcements – No announcements

Adjournment

Mr. Kubicki makes a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to approve.

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Susan Hughes

Date

David Kubicki

Date

Chris Kritikos

Date

Caroline Heekin

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