

Columbia Township Board of Trustees
5686 Kenwood Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018
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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 and Chris Kritikos. Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Administrator Michael Lemon were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2018. All present voted yes.

Open Forum

Jayne Payne wanted to thank the Trustees and Administrator for the quick response to property clean up requests and asked about procedures involved in removing a particular vehicle that seems to meet “junk” criteria. Mr. Lemon will investigate and reply accordingly.

Les Hemingway proposed the idea of the Township awarding beautification certificates to property owners. The Trustees and Administrator will look into organizing. Mr. Hemingway also inquired about the possibility of paying the Mariemont Police to patrol Madison Place due to a recent shooting on Blaney. Sgt. Schlesinger provided follow up on the shooting; it was an isolated incident. Both Mr. Kubicki and Mr. Kritikos pointed out that alternatives have been explored and will continue to be looked at. Mr. Lemon added later that we are also exploring adding personnel as revenue is generated by the medicinal marijuana dispensaries. Mr. Hemingway also had a question about a possible tax increase to cover fire and rescue services. Mr. Lemon encouraged Les and other in the community to attend the next Fire Board meeting to address that question. Mr. Kubicki assured residents that we are sorting through this very complex situation.

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.

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Lemon’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Mr. Lemon shared a few highlights from his report. We await an update on the medicinal marijuana dispensaries. ODOT has recommended moving the Wooster Pike Crossing farther east; this is likely to begin development next Spring. An ad hoc committee is being formed to address expenses and budgeting for the Little Miami Joint Fire District and we are beginning to work on a proposal for a new contract or merger with the Ridge Fire District; a public meeting will be held Thursday, September 13th to provide information regarding the options and their impact.

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Administrator's Report (cont.)

Panera Bread is well under way in construction; we are seeking help from the CIC to help fund the waterline improvements for the site. The annexation of Seven Hills property is moving forward. We hope to put the Bike Path extension development out for bid soon. 2018 street paving projects have begun on Lucille and other streets and expect to be complete in 30 days. We have reached an agreement with the Sheriff's Department for a three-year contract. Our Audit is almost complete; all questions raised should be settled and there are no findings. The JEDZ audit has begun and there are some questions regarding Fairfax's accounting. Township Boundary Signs are being installed and so far, the feedback has been good. We will be increasing the number. All four radar signs are operational

LMJF&R Report

Ms. Hughes reported that a meeting has been arranged to discuss the budget issues.

Communications

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Madeira seeking earnings tax increase" (8/27)
- Business Courier: Article "Medical Marijuana update: Where each piece of the industry stands as Ohio tries to catch up" (8/31)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Medical marijuana: 7 reasons why Ohio won't be selling medical marijuana this week" (9/4)

Resolutions

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading for Resolution Appointing Members to the Hamilton County Water District Task Force. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-23**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of the Resolution Determining to Intervene in Litigation between the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio and the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Over Water Rates, and Dispensing with a Second Reading. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-24**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Supplement Resolution 17-39, 2017 Columbia Township 2018 Annual Appropriation and 18-10, 2018. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-25**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Approving Contract for Services of County Sheriff for January 1, 2018 Through December 31, 2020 and to Declare Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the **Resolution 18-26**. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required for Buckingham Place, Cambridge Avenue, Hill & Dale, Maphet, Ebersole and Murray. The second reading will take place at the October Meeting.

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Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for August, 2018. All present voted to approve.

Announcements – Saturday is Fifty Fest

Signing of Minutes and Resolutions – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.

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Susan Hughes	Date
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David Kubicki	Date
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Chris Kritikos	Date
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Caroline Heekin	Date