

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

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019
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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 Susan Hughes, David Kubicki and Chris Kritikos. Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Police Lt. Enderle were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval and Signing of Minutes –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019. All present voted yes.

Girl Scout Troop 4162: Take Action Project

Members of Girl Scout Troop 4162 and their Troop Leaders presented to the Board of Trustees the results of their Take Action project. Engagement in this project enabled the members to think like an engineer in order to enact “change that is lasting” in regards to a problem that needs solving. Addressing the speeding issues near their school, members offered the trustees their recommendations to solve this problem. Three suggestions were more stationary signs, flashing speed signs and three-dimensional paintings on the street. Mr. Lemon let the troop members know that their presentation was very helpful to the Township and as a result the Township will work with the school to identify the best locations for additional signage and will contact the State to ensure that signage complies with regulations. The Township will also work with the Sherriff’s office to closely patrol speeding at pick up and drop off times.

Open Forum –

Stacey Bryant Rose asked about a timeline for re-visiting the comprehensive plan. Mr. Lemon explained that after speaking with legal counsel it was determined that the entire township would need to participate in the process. Previously, the township has brought in a consultant to take the lead; taking the officials out of the process puts control in the hands of the residents. Mr. Kubicki reiterated that the end goal seems to be revisiting how we look at Madison Place in the future. Mr. Kubicki would like to plan public meetings with Madison Place residents early next year to discuss issues and come up with a good balance of what is in everyone’s best interest.

Linnea Lose pointed out that she was involved in the last process of reworking the comprehensive plan and it is very complex and as it effects the entire township it is important that everyone is represented. Linnea also expressed her belief that she and other residents were heard in the process.

Jen Bryant indicated that there might be a trust issue with the Township Officials. Mr. Kubicki offered his regret that the situation has created mistrust and reminded everyone that officials must follow the rules.

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Department Reports –

Road Superintendent Report

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

Police Report

Lt. Enderle'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 highlighted a few points from his report including that phase 1 of the Bike Path Extension should be approved soon with construction beginning in January. Leaf pick-up will continue until Christmas; we are on our 6th tour through the Township and expect to finish up with possibly 8 tours.

LMJF&R Report

Mr. Lemon noted that discussions continue regarding finances and extra runs in Elmwood Place. Amberley Village will most likely not contract with the district; this should be decided at the next board meeting. Mr. Kubicki reiterated that the problems are with underfunding and not with the first responders themselves.

Trustees Reports

No reports

Communications –

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "2 more medical marijuana businesses scrutinized" (11/2) Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Ohio bans vitamin E acetate from medical marijuana vapes" (11/13)
- Business Courier: Article "Medical marijuana dispensary operators say they 'sleep easier' under Ohio's strict regulations" (11/18)
- CBT: Letter and Donation (11/26) – Ms. Hughes offered thanks to CBT for their donation.

Resolutions –

Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading of a Resolution Reappointing C. Michael Lemon as Township Administrator for Calendar Year 2020 and Authorizing the Township Administrator's Terms of Appointment. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the **Resolution 19-25**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading of a Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to Fred A. Nemann Company for Maphet Street and Ebersole Avenue Improvements; Authorizing the Administrator to Enter into Contract with Fred A. Nemann Company. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the **Resolution 19-24**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing Economic Development Sponsorship Expenses. The 2nd reading will take place in January.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Establishing Hourly Rate and Salary Ranges for the Year 2020. The 2nd reading will take place in January.

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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 November. All present voted to approve.

Announcements –

CBT Contribution of \$15,000 – In exchange for TIF funds used in the redevelopment of the old Kmart space they now occupy, CBT promised to contribute annually to subsidize the purchase of new police vehicles.

Recognition of Assistance by City of Beavercreek – In appreciation of the Townships’ assistance after the tornado, the Beavercreek Public Works Department presented us with a proclamation, signed photo and challenge coins

Signing of Minutes and Resolutions –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

Adjournment –

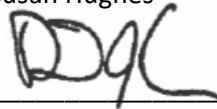
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.



Susan Hughes

12/14/2020

Date



David Kubicki

12/14/2020

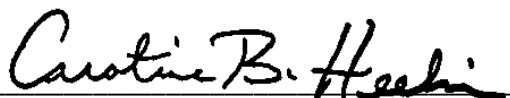
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Chris Kritikos

12/14/2020

Date



Caroline Heekin

12/14/2020

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