

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
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Due to COVID, this meeting is open to the public but will be streamed live on Vimeo. It will also be available for viewing on YouTube.

Live@ <https://vimeo.com/497381711>

After Meeting@ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLfD5afKymmzsH8L5mLpDaQ>

Columbia Township residents and businesses were also invited to email or call with comments or questions to be read during "Open Forum".

The Columbia Township Regular Board meeting was called to order by Trustee David Kubicki at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance

Those Trustees in attendance were Susan Hughes, Brian Lamar and David Kubicki. Township Administrator Melissa Taylor, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Police Lieutenant Enderle were also in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval and Signing of Minutes –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2021. All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Christian Dial of Dial Residential, LLC joined the meeting via Zoom to present to the Board the details of a proposed development on Walton Creek Road in Columbia Township. Mr. Dial has requested Hamilton County begin the process of a rezone to change the current B zoning to DD in accordance with Columbia Township's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed development will consist of approximately 32 apartments ranging from 650 to 1,650 square feet. The development will provide a great opportunity for residents to take advantage of all the walkable spaces currently available and in the planning stages. Building heights will be no taller than 3 stories and will focus on a design that pays respect to the surrounding nature.

Mike Tighe sent an email regarding the Waste Levy coming up for renewal. Mr. Tighe proposed cutting the current homeowners tax millage and utilizing funds from JEDZ and the Dispensaries to make up the difference for our Waste Services. Mr. Kubicki, Mr. Lamar and Ms. Hughes all agreed this was worth looking into and thanked Mr. Tighe for the suggestion.

Department Reports –

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Heekin'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. Mr. Servizzi informed the board that the 2008 was the last time we experienced this amount of snow. The crews continue to work diligently and will be out all night again. Symmes Township will provide salt as needed that we will later repay.

Administrator's Report

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

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Department Reports – (cont.)

Economic Development Quarterly Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)

Mr. Montgomery's next report will be in April.

Police Report

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

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar reported that ongoing negotiations remain positive and he reiterated that there will absolutely not be any interruption in services to Ridgewood or any other area in Columbia Township.

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Covered in LMJF&R Report

Trustees' Reports

Ms. Hughes reported that the Ohio Township Association is offering four \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend a two or four-year Ohio college or university. Mr. Lamar reported that Mariemont Kroger is offering Covid Vaccinations. Mr. Lamar also personally offered to provide transportation to residents who may be in need of a ride.

Communications –

- Dial Residential Commercial Development of 4040 Walton Creek – Rezoning Application to Hamilton Co. Planning + Development
- Beechmont Motors in SW Ohio Top 10 Largest Auto Dealers, *Cincinnati Biz Courier*
- New Podcast Series "Making It Happen" and YouTube Channel Video Series
- New Facebook Posts

Motion –

Mr. Kubicki made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes requesting the Administrator to Provide a Letter of Support to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners for the Proposed Wind Street/Blue Ocean Residential Rezoning. All present voted yes.

Resolutions –

One Reading Only:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Supplement Res. 21-01, 2021 "Columbia Township 2021 Annual Appropriation". Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kubicki to adopt the **Resolution 21-04**. All present voted yes.

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Amending Res 20-30, 2020 Agreement For Professional Services For General Economic Development Assistance; Authorizing Administrator To Enter Into Agreement With Hamilton County Development Company (HCDC), And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-05**. All present voted yes.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing The Township Administrator To Execute An Amendment To The Amended And Restated Fire Protection And Emergency Medical Services Agreement With The Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-06**. All present voted yes.

1st Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing Columbia Township Administrator To Enter Into An Amendment To The 2018 Agreement With The Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District For Fire Protection And Ambulance Services In The Silverton Fire District, Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. The 2nd reading will take place in March.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Approving Community Reinvestment Area Incentive Recommendations for CTR Development LLC Commercial Project At 4040 Walton Creek. The 2nd reading will take place in March.

2nd Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the 2nd reading of a Resolution Supporting the Proposed Shared-Use Path from US-50 At Spring Hill Drive to Pocahontas Avenue Intersection to Connect the Little Miami Scenic Trail in Columbia Township to Mariemont And Future Murray Path Extension. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-07**. All present voted yes.

Executive Session:

At 5:10 p.m. for the purpose to Consider the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion, Or Compensation of a Public Employee or Official Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes that the Trustees go into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) and (8). All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to leave executive session and return to regular meeting. All present votes yes.

Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for January. All present voted to approve.

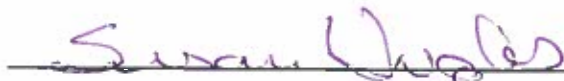
Signing of Minutes and Resolutions – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

Adjournment –

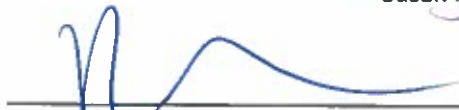
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.

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Susan Hughes Date



David Kubicki Date 2/17/21



Brian Lamar Date



Caroline Heekin Date 2/17/21