

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021
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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 February 17, 2021.

All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Jeff Ayers of Jersey Mike's in the Promenade on Wooster Pike called the office to comment on the Township's Restaurant Gift Card Program. Customers are already coming in with the cards and he believes this will be a great program for his business and he appreciates the amount of work that went in to executing the program. Peggy Landes, a resident of Williams Meadow, emailed to thank the trustees and staff for "innovative initiatives" like the gift cards and A+ street cleaning during snowy days.

Charles Severe of the Slattery Group emailed on behalf of everyone at Fifty West to praise the Township's efforts and investment in the Fifty West Skating Rink. The success of which allowed for a Covid-19-safe activity for residents, kept staff employed and is a "shining example of our continued exemplary public-private partnership that provides jobs, family-friendly activities, and added value to this wonderful community."

James Sang, a resident of Madison Place, signed in to speak about his concerns over construction on Vinewood Avenue. Mr. Sang is new to Madison Place and has become concerned about increased density in the build out of vacant lots and tear downs. Some of his concerns include incompatibility of design, water run-off, construction staging and noise levels as well as the lack of communication with residents from the builder. Mr. Kubicki and Mr. Lamar voiced their understanding for his concerns and offered assistance in speaking with the builder to help build a better "bedside manner" and address issues.

Mary McMannes, a resident of Madison Place, shared Mr. Sang's concerns over construction and subsequent flooding issues. Ms. McMannes thanked the trustees for their sympathy and for coming out to witness the issue first hand.

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Open Forum – (cont.)

Ms. Taylor reiterated that the township can speak to the builders and help facilitate better communication with residents. Ms. Taylor also provided background on Madison Place as it pertains to building and zoning codes that were not in place when the neighborhood was founded and how that effects new construction, etc.

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.

Administrator’s Report

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

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. Lt. Enderle thanked

Ms. Taylor for including in her report information regarding the April 24th DEA National Drug Take-Back Event.

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

Mr. Kubicki praised the township staff and crew for their amazing work and shared positive gift card program feedback.

Communications –

- Kellogg To Cut 250 Jobs in Mariemont By Year End, *Cincinnati Biz Courier and Loveland Herald*
- Ohio Could Triple Number of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- New Podcast Series “Making It Happen” and YouTube Channel Video Series
- New Facebook Posts

Resolutions –

One Reading Only (Appropriations):

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Supplement Res. 21-01, 2021 “Columbia Township 2021 Annual Appropriation”. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to pass the **Resolution 21-08** All present voted yes.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Accepting Construction Bid And Awarding Contract To Ford Development For Madison Place Firehouse Storm Sewer Improvements; Authorizing The Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Ford Development, Dispensing With The Second Reading And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and adopt the **Resolution 21-09**. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of Up To 250 Tons Of Road Salt At \$69.69 Per Ton For The 2021-22 Winter Season, Dispensing With The Second Reading And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and adopt the **Resolution 21-10**. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing The Columbia Township Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement For The Purchase Of Electricity For The Township's Electricity Aggregation Program, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and adopt the **Resolution 21-11**. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing The Township Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Keidel Supply For Up To \$12,500 For A Commercial-Grade Refrigerator And Freezer For The Madison Place Firehouse Event Center, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and adopt the **Resolution 21-12**. All present voted yes.

2nd Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the 2nd 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. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-13**. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 2nd reading of a Resolution Approving Community Reinvestment Area Incentive Recommendations for CTR Development LLC Commercial Project At 4040 Walton Creek. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to adopt the **Resolution 21-14**. All present voted 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 February. All present voted to approve.

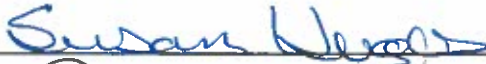
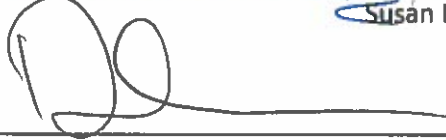


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Signing of Minutes and Resolutions – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

Adjournment –
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar and Ms. Hughes to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.

	
Susan Hughes	Date
	4/13/2021
David Kubicki	Date
	4/13/21
Brian Lamar	Date
	4/13/21
Caroline Heekin	Date