

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

**Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 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 and answered during "Open Forum". [GrowingTogether@ColumbiaTwp.org](mailto:GrowingTogether@ColumbiaTwp.org); 513-561-6046.***

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. Economic Development Director Dustin Montgomery, Township Administrator Melissa Taylor, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Police Lieutenant Enderle were also in attendance.

**Approval and Signing of Minutes –**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2021. All Present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the special meeting minutes of June 11, 2021. All present voted yes.

**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. One important highlight from Ms. Taylor was a warning to everyone to beware of door-to-door solicitors unlawfully attempting to scam residents about their gas and electric accounts. Ms. Taylor reported that our energy reps will never call or knock on doors and she recommends that residents not engage with them and immediately call the Sheriff's non-emergency line to report them.

**HCDC Quarterly Update**

Mr. Montgomery's report was included with the meeting packet and is on file for public inspection. Some of the news that Mr. Montgomery highlighted included expansion plans by CBT in the Ridge & Highland District, the Creekside Manor development project in the Wooster Pike District received zoning approval and township retail spaces are filling up.

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**Department Reports (cont.) –**

Police Report

Lt. Enderle's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Enderle complimented the Township Podcast with our new Sherriff and said it was excellent. Ms. Taylor noted that during the Podcast Sherriff McGuffey complimented Lt. Enderle's responsiveness. Lt. Enderle also shared news of commendations given to officers involved in the June 30<sup>th</sup> flooding event. Mr. Lamar commended their professionalism.

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar reiterated that safety is the number one priority in all negotiations and there will be more to come.

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Covered in LMJF&R Report

Trustees' Reports

Mr. Kubicki related his excitement to announce upcoming events that will further connect the township as well as his hopes to inform the public about reduced taxes in the September podcast.

Mr. Lamar shared that the Murray Bike Path extension through Columbia Township and Mariemont will open soon with landscaping to come in the fall that will be beautiful.

Ms. Hughes offered her Thanks to Lt. Enderle for additional patrols in Madison Place.

**Communications –**

- 3 Inches of Rainfall, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- How Fifty West became city's kid-friendly brewery, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Ohio offers \$155M to small businesses, *WCPO*
- Heavy rain leads to sinkhole in Madeira, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- New Podcast Series "Making It Happen" and YouTube Channel Video Series
- New Facebook Posts

**Resolutions –**

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Dispensing with Second Reading*

Ms. Taylor provided the 1<sup>st</sup> and only reading of a Resolution Authorizing A Neighborhood Economic Development Program To Promote And Enhance Economic Development, Quality Of Life, Civic Engagement, And Property Values, And Authorizing Financial Assistance To The Community Improvement Corporation Of Greater Cincinnati Under Ohio Revised Code 505.701 To Defray Certain Program Expenses And Dispensing With The Second Reading.

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Ms. Taylor and Mr. Montgomery provided a presentation covering the details of this program. The Neighborhood Economic Development (NED) program will improve Columbia Township's 15 neighborhoods with choices of new street signs and stanchions, professional arborist's recommendations for trees, neighborhood specific celebrations at the newly renovated fire house as well as neighborhood specific websites. Residents will have the chance to vote on their specific projects. Mr. Montgomery praised the township for having the foresight to approve the medicinal marijuana dispensaries as a major part of the economic development that made this program possible.

Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to pass the **Resolution 21-32**. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a Resolution Designating The North Side Of Hill And Dale Dr. From Kennedy Ave. To The Terminus Of Hill And Dale Dr. To Be A No Parking Fire Lane Area And Prohibiting Parking Therein. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will take place in August.





**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 May. 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.

 Susan Hughes	08/10/2021 Date
 David Kubicki	08/10/2021 Date
 Brian Lamar	08/10/2021 Date
 Caroline Heekin	08/10/2021 Date