

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

Board of Trustees
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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; 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. Township Administrator

Melissa Taylor, Resident Services Coordinator Lauren Allison and Police Sergeant Robin Reed were also in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval and Signing of Minutes –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021.

All Present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the Budget Public Hearing Minutes of July 20, 2021.

All Present vote yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021.

All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Resident Stacy Bryant had questions about the Neighborhood Economic Development (NED) program, the landscaping on Cambridge and the lack of a berm as well as the possibility of additional landscaping. Mr. Kubicki noted that while he would be surprised if the plan was not being followed exactly he would definitely investigate and remedy the situation if that is the case. Ms. Taylor further explained that the landscaping is being inspected by Hamilton County to be sure the original plan is being followed to the letter even down to the exact types of plants called out. There was some discussion of insufficient width for the berm and Ms. Taylor will follow up as to what the County decided as a remedy. Ms. Taylor went on to explain that her recollection was that once the project is completed there would be opportunity for additional landscaping in the area. Ms. Taylor provided further explanation of the NED program including our commitment to offering inclusive methods of participating for those residents not utilizing email. Additionally Ms. Bryant noted that there seems to be increased traffic/speeding on Cambridge;

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Mr. Lamar has also noticed and Mr. Kubicki offered to follow up on that as well.

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 of the highlights included a shout out to Office Manager Kim Gray and Resident Services Coordinator Lauren Allison for their excellent work responding to the hundreds of weekly calls from “the serious to the curious.”

Department Reports (cont.) –

Police Report

Lt. Enderle’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Sergeant Reed added that she would make note of the speeding issue on Cambridge and call for increased police presence and she would make her officers aware of the fake solicitors pretending to be representatives of the gas and electric companies.

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar reported that a board sponsored report discovered the need to increase wages for part time fire fighters and was pleased that they were able to react quickly to make that happen to keep and attract staff.

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Covered in LMJF&R Report

Trustees’ Reports

Mr. Lamar mentioned the Denise Driehaus and Charmaine McGuffy pod casts and encouraged residents to listen to these and all the podcasts.

Ms. Hughes noted that in all her years in Columbia Township she believes things have never been better and she is proud to be a part of all the positive changes.

Communications –

- Ohio could get \$1 Billion in Opioid Settlement, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Little Miami Scenic Trail voted Top Five U.S. Urban Trails, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Podcast Series “Making It Happen” and YouTube Channel Video Series
- Facebook Posts

Resolutions –

One Reading Only (Appropriations):

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Ms. Taylor provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Supplement Res. 21-01, 2021 “Columbia Township 2021 Annual Appropriation” and Supplemental Appropriation Resolutions 21-04, 21-08 and 21-15.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to pass the Resolution. All present voted yes.

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing The Columbia Township Administrator To Accept The Material Terms Of The One Ohio Subdivision Settlement Pursuant To The One Ohio Memorandum Of Understanding And Consistent With The Terms Of The July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement, Dispensing With The Second Reading And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Providing For And Authorizing Removal Of Tall Grass, Weeds And Debris, Declaring A Nuisance For Non-Compliant Property At 6597 Stewart Rd., Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Resolutions (cont.) –

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Providing For And Authorizing Removal, Repair Or Securance Of Insecure, Unsafe Buildings Or Structures And Removal Of Tall Grass, Weeds And Debris, Declaring A Nuisance For Non-Compliant Property At 5770 Stewart Rd., Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

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 July. All present voted to approve.

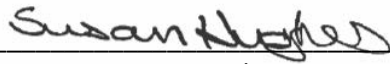
Signing of Minutes and Resolutions – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

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Adjournment –

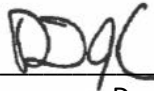
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.



09/14/21

Susan Hughes

Date



09/14/21

David Kubicki

Date



09/14/2021

Brian Lamar

Date



09/14/2021

Caroline Heekin

Date