

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

**Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 August 10, 2021.

All Present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2021.

All Present voted yes.

**Open Forum –**

Resident Stacy Bryant had follow-up questions from the previous meeting regarding the landscaping on Cambridge and the lack of a berm. After the request from Ms. Bryant at the last meeting Ms. Taylor immediately contacted Hamilton County Planning and Zoning with a request to look into this and they have not yet responded.

Resident Tom Schram had been involved in a petition to change school districts for a portion of his neighborhood that has been struck down and wanted to see if the Trustees can provide any help getting this petition back on track.

Mr. Kubicki and Ms. Taylor related that the Township legally cannot advocate for this type of legislation.

**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.

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**Department Reports (cont.) –**

Administrator’s Report

Ms. Taylor’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Some highlights included the new look for the newsletter and all the exciting new features reflected in the theme “Better than Ever”. Ms. Taylor wanted to reiterate how many calls she receives regarding unlawful solicitors posing as gas and electric representatives and encouraged residents to call the Sheriff’s non-emergency number if approached. One of the great things happening for the first time in township history is the chance for residents to vote to cut the waste and recycling levy tax rate by 32%. Mr. Lamar noted that this represents meaningful savings which is very exciting as we are the only community cutting taxes.

Police Report

Lt. Enderle’s report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Enderle added a reminder that Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office drug take-back program takes place Saturday, October 23 from 10 to 2 at District 4 in Silverton. Mr. Lamar commended the Sheriff’s office for the reporting they provide.

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar reported that we are 100 percent committed to providing the best fire and safety services and there will not be any interruption in service as some rumors have suggested.

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Covered in LMJF&R Report

Trustees’ Reports

Mr. Lamar noted that Good Shepard school has made significant efforts to address drainage and flooding issues.

**Communications –**

- Ohio Pulls Plug on Telemedicine, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Weather Extremes in US Connected, Scientists Say, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Some Mosquitoes in Hamilton County Test Positive for West Nile, *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Podcast Series “Making It Happen” and YouTube Channel Video Series
- Facebook Posts

**Resolutions –**

*No Resolutions*

**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 August. 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 to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.



10/12/2021

Susan Hughes

Date



10/12/2021

David Kubicki

Date



10/12/2021

Brian Lamar

Date



10/12/2021

Caroline Heekin

Date