

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

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2022
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This meeting was open to the public, streamed live and available for viewing after the meeting. 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.

Watch Live <https://vimeo.com/513968269>

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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 Naber 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 January 11, 2022. All Present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2022. All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Ridgewood resident Karen Rude described a traffic situation and asked for help with speeding and rolling stop signs. Ms. Rude wondered if it was possible to close off the intersection of Losantaridge and Cederbrook entirely. Ms. Taylor explained the State of Ohio's comprehensive three-phase process of closing streets. Ms. Taylor noted that she was not aware of any other complaints from Ridgewood residents related to those streets, however, to accommodate this request a recently completed two-year traffic study was re-opened to monitor those specific areas. Ms. Taylor also suggested several possible options such as speed monitoring signs, additional signage and increased Sheriff patrols, etc. before seeking street closure. Any Ridgewood residents with concerns about this and other areas were encouraged to call Ms. Taylor.

A few residents emailed to sing the praises of the Township Road Crew's herculean efforts during the recent snow/ice storms. Linnea Lose called them "Tenacious in the face of impossible odds" while Jay Gilbert thanked Rob specifically for helping him and his wife to "free our car from its ice-encrusted prison." Ms. Taylor pointed out that this particular combination ice/sleet/snow is practically impossible to melt and she also thanked residents for clearing their own driveway aprons that our trucks cannot reach. Brian Lamar pointed out that this was a good test of our recently approved lower cost waste and recycling levy still providing the same excellent services.

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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. Frazier'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. Ms. Taylor highlighted a few items such as moves toward implementation of our Neighborhood Economic Development (NED) Program with the Hiring of an arborist to assist with street tree assessment and replacement. Also worth noting in Ms. Taylor's "We Love our Businesses!" report we received our annual check from CBT who will also begin an expansion in May.

Economic Development Quarterly Report

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

Police Report

Police report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Naber described the three levels of Snow Emergency and explained that the Sherriff issues these levels for everyone's safety please do stay off the roads when issued.

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar thanked Golf Manor as their contract officially ends on the 28th of February when Deer Park Silverton will take over Ridgewood's fire and emergency medical service coverage. Although the transition has taken almost two years it has been seamless and he does not anticipate any issues.

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Covered in LMJF&R Report

Trustees' Reports

Mr. Lamar was pleased to have attended his first Ohio Township Association Conference and found it to be a great learning experience that also provided great perspective.

Communications –

- Articles and communications
- Podcast Series "Making It Happen" and YouTube Channel Video Series
- Facebook Posts

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Resolutions –

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Arborist And Landscape Design Services For Neighborhood Economic Development Program And Muchmore Park Improvements; Authorizing Administrator To Enter Into Agreement With Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to dispense with the second reading. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to adopt the **Resolution 22-06**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Amending Resolution 21-05, 2021, For Professional Services For General Economic Development Assistance; Authorizing Administrator To Enter Into Agreement With Hamilton County Development Company (HCDC) For The Term Of February 1, 2022, Through January 31, 2023; Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to dispense with the second reading. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to adopt the **Resolution 22-07**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

First Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing Financial Assistance To The Community Improvement Corporation Of Greater Cincinnati Under Ohio Revised Code 505.701 To Defray Expenses Related To Columbia Township Economic And Community Development Projects From Non-Tax Funds, And Dispensing With The Second Reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to dispense with the second reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to adopt the **Resolution 22-08**. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing Financial Assistance To The Community Improvement Corporation Of Greater Cincinnati Under Ohio Revised Code 505.701 To Defray Expenses Related To Columbia Township Economic And Community Development Projects From Non-Tax Funds, And Dispensing With The Second Reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to dispense with the second reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to adopt the **Resolution 22-09**. 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 January. 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.

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

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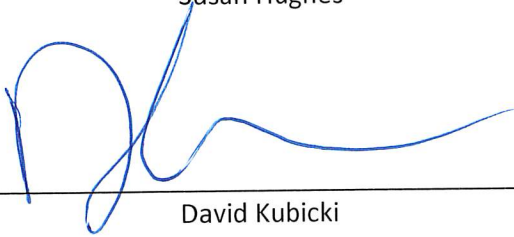
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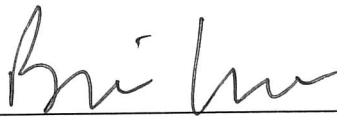
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David Kubicki

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Brian Lamar

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Caroline Heekin

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