

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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.

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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, Police Lieutenant Paul Naber and Dustin Montgomery were also in attendance. Lauren Allison covered the meeting for Ms. Heekin.

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 March 8, 2022. All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

No residents were signed in to speak and there were no calls or emails read in the meeting.

Department Reports –

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Allison read Ms. Heekin's report which 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. Ms. Taylor noted that the crew has scraped and prepped the retaining wall at Muchmore Park and there will be an opportunity for a new artist to paint the wall this year. Ms. Taylor complimented Mr. Frazier on his phenomenal work in his first year in his leadership role. Mr. Lamar and Mr. Kubicki agreed.

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 from her report including the fact that there were several weather events in March; before and after storm events the crew checks township drainage structures to avoid issues. We are making great progress on the implementation of NED projects, including the tree project. One benefit from the in depth mapping and reporting necessary to do the project is that we will be left with a multi-layer app that gives us a complete digital street inventory with tree health, etc. which will be available to the public as well. The Madison Place Firehouse renovation project should be at 90% planned completion by the end of the month after experiencing some delays on the professional services side. Orchard/Elm/Beech area will see 8 new homes; a historic preservation consultant is working with the neighborhood. There are still independent energy suppliers lying to residents; our current supplier is IGS (Interstate Gas Supply) and do not believe anyone coming to your door telling you they are going to turn off your service.

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Department Reports –(cont.)

Economic Development Quarterly Report

Mr. Montgomery's report was included in the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Mr. Montgomery noted that HCDC is now called Alloy Development Co. which aligns with their mission of working with businesses and communities and that we are "stronger together." Retail space across the township continues to fill up; there will be a number of new shops opening on Wooster Pike soon. Ridgewater Plaza has sold to a local real estate development group and there will hopefully be some positive changes to announce in the near future.

Police Report

Lt. Naber's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Naber shared that several District 4 officers including those assigned to Columbia Township have recently received a lot of accolades and commendations in part due to a new training program called *Active Bystanders for Law Enforcement* which helps officers to encourage each other to de-escalate situations. Also of note is the National Drug Takeback event taking place April 30th 10 to 2 at District 4 location on Montgomery Road.

Little Miami JF&R District Report

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Chief Denny Meador and Chief Mike Siefke were both in attendance; Chief Meador wanted the board and residents to know that either he or one of his officers will be attending township meetings going forward to stay informed and to demonstrate their interest in the community they serve. Chief Siefke added that he and his team will also be more visible and asked residents as we start into spring to please be more cognizant of bicycle riders.

Mr. Lamar also wanted to talk about community involvement and noted that both fire chiefs and Lt. Naber were present at our last township event and he looks forward to more of that.

Trustees' Reports

Mr. Lamar wanted to promote the Flying Pig viewing party on May 1st at the Madison Place Fire House on Murray Avenue.

Communications –

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

Resolutions –

One Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Supplement Resolution 21-57, 2021 Columbia Township 2021 Annual Appropriation and Supplemental Appropriation 22-13, 2022.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes.

First Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Declaring Improvements to Certain Parcels of Real Property in Columbia Township To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.73(B) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Declaring Certain Public Improvements To Be Necessary For The Further Development Of Those Parcels And Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund. The second reading will be in May.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

First Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Strand Associates for Engineering Services for Stormwater Evaluation of Madison Place and Old Wooster Rd. As Part of Columbia Township's Road Improvement Priority Planning, Authorizing Administrator to Enter into Agreement with Strand Associates, And Dispensing with The Second Reading.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to Dispense with the Second Reading. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Accept a Proposal, And Purchase Decorative Street and Stop Signs and Installation Services, From Kleem Inc. For Neighborhood Economic Development Program and Dispensing with The Second Reading.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to Dispense with the Second Reading. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Reappointing C. Michael Lemon as Special Advisor To The Board Of Trustees For July 1 To December 31, 2022, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Authorizing The Terms Of Appointment.

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. Lamar to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes.

Second Reading:

Ms. Taylor provided the second reading of a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 18-01, 2018, To Include Additional Public Infrastructure Improvements for An Existing Tax Increment Financing Exemption Granted Pursuant To Section 5709.73 Of The Ohio Revised Code, In Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adopt the resolution. 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 March. 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.

