

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023
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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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Watch Later <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLfD5afKymmzsH8L5mLpDaQ>

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, Police Lieutenant Paul Naber and Fire Chief Mike Siefke 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 June 13, 2023. All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Resident Jack Fuchs had questions and comments regarding the township's aggregation program. Mr. Fuchs acknowledged that the program has been very successful, and the aggregate rate from Energy Harbor is lower than Duke's, however he was not happy with the notification letter and believes better rates are possible to find. Ms. Taylor explained that the Township always invites residents to opt out and negotiate their own rates with other providers if they have the time and expertise to do so as prices change monthly. The township negotiates collectively with nine other jurisdictions for a 2-year rate and cannot pull out of the collaborative contract without cause. Mr. Fuchs wanted to make more comments regarding aggregation; Mr. Kubicki asked that we move on to other business as new ideas are always welcome, however we have to limit non-productive discussions and any further discussion about this particular issue is welcome outside of the meeting.

Department Reports –

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Heekin's reports for April and May were included in the meeting packet and are 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.

Economic Development Quarterly Report

Mr. Montgomery was called on to assist with a special project and therefore his July report was delayed and will be included in the next packet and available for public inspection.

Department Reports – (cont.)

Police Report

Lt. Naber's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Naber reported that Sgt. Reid did receive her commendation for the anti theft program she initiated and her personal efforts in assisting a resident.

Little Miami J&R District Report +

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar thanked Fire Chiefs Meador and Siefke again for their continued community outreach and reminded everyone to attend the Neighbor Day at Deer Park/Silverton Fire Station on July 29th from 1 to 4 pm.

Trustees' Reports

Mr. Lamar thanked the Walton Creek residents for their continued friendliness during some recent challenges and traffic disruptions.

Communications –

- NED P2 Street Tree Bid Packet – Ms. Taylor noted that our 80 Page Bid Packet for Phase 2 of the street tree program will be open for one month
- Articles and communications
- Podcast Series "Making It Happen" and YouTube Channel Video Series
- Facebook Posts

Resolutions –

One Reading: Financial

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Supplement Resolution 23-10, 2023 (Amended 22-68, 2022) "Columbia Township 2023 Annual Appropriation" And Supplemental Appropriations 23-03, 23-04, 23-11, and 23-14, 2023. Mr. Kubickie made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve amending RES 22-19. All present voted yes.

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Providing For And Authorizing 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 6805 Stewart Rd., Owned By Joan L. Bickett, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve RES 22-20. All present voted yes. 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 declare an emergency. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Certifying Violation Abatement Expenses At 5812 Morning Place, Owned By Al-Saleh Amer, 447 Nilles Rd., Hamilton, Oh 45014, To The County Auditor For Assessment, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve RES-21. All present voted yes. 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 declare an emergency. All present voted yes.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

Firsts 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, And Dispensing With The Second Reading. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to pass **RES 23-23**. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to dispense with the second reading. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Approving The Update Of The Solid Waste Management Plan Of The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District, And Dispensing With The Second Reading Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to pass **RES 23-22**. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to dispense with the second reading. All present voted yes.

Executive Session –

At 4:40 p.m. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar that the Trustees go into executive session To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion at 5:20 pm, seconded by Mr. Lamar to leave executive session. All present vote yes.

Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports –

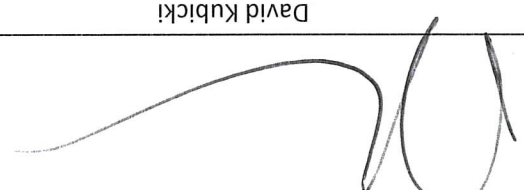
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports. All present voted to approve.

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

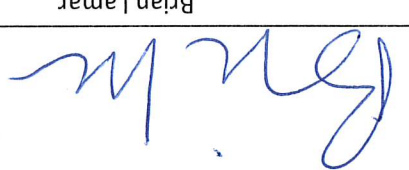
Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.



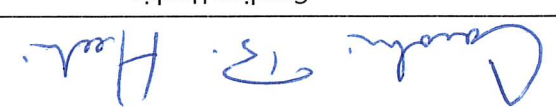
Susan Hughes
Date 8/8/23



David Kubicki
Date 8/8/23



Brian Lamar
Date 8/8/23



Caroline Heekin
Date 8.8.23