

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

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 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.

Watch Live <https://vimeo.com/event/2759135>

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 July 11, 2023. All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Resident Megan Gusky requested help with an issue regarding a neighbor's dog that has been a problem for over three years. Ms. Gusky has called the Sherrif in the past to report the issue. Lt. Naber concurred and noted that while the Sherrif's office has issued citations and spoken with the neighbor, the ASPCA contends that the dog in question is "compliant" according to their standards. Mr. Kubicki recommended that Ms. Gusky continue to work with the Sherrif's office in this matter.

Resident Mike Reichling had two traffic/street related inquiries. The 6800 block of Bramble has issues with asphalt and drains breaking up Ms. Taylor will speak with Road Superintendent Frazier to be sure this is on the repair list. Also, the intersection of Bramble is dangerous for turn. Mr. Kubicki noted that a roundabout might alleviate this issue but might not be popular. Mr. Lamar questioned if parking on Bramble had improved, and Mr. Reichling said it was somewhat better.

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.

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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.

Police Report

Lt. Naber's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Naber reported that part of Wooster Pike will be closed for the Tour De Crown event on Saturday, August 26th at 7:00 a.m. Ridgewood will have their annual Block Party on Saturday the 9th. The Lieutenant also reminded residents that school is back in soon so watch for slower traffic and please slow down and be aware of motorcycles as well.

Little Miami JF&R District Report +

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar shared details from Neighbor Day at the Deer Park Silverton Firehouse. He loved seeing kids enjoying the day. Mr. Lamar also encourages everyone to attend the upcoming Neighbor Day at The Little Miami Firehouse in October. Mr. Kubicki was impressed with the event as well.

Trustees' Reports

Mr. Kubicki noted that Columbia business Jay's Chicken on Kennedy Avenue received a great review in Cincinnati Magazine; second best fried chicken in the city. Mr. Kubicki praised the owner and encouraged residents to try it out. Mr. Lamar concurred that it is great fried chicken.

Ms. Hughes also shared her pleasant experiences at the Firehouse Neighbor Day and the Jackson Experience. Mr. Kubicki thanked the staff and crew for their efforts organizing the Jackson Experience event, especially Chandra Buswell for her outstanding work and he thanked 50 West as well. Mr. Kubicki also reminded everyone that the next township event will be The Bengals Bash on September 10th.

Communications –

- 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 To 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, and 23-19, 2023. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve amending **RES 22-24**. All present voted yes.

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing Purchase Of Up To 200 Tons Of Road Salt At \$75.21 Ton For The 2023-24 Winter Season, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Mr. Lamar to approve **RES 22-25**. 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 –

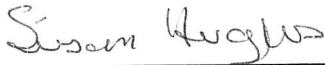
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports. All present voted to approve.

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.

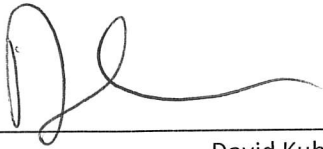
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Susan Hughes

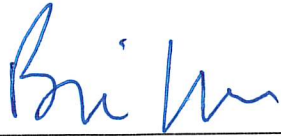
Date



David Kubicki

9/12/23

Date



Brian Lamar

9.12.23

Date



Caroline Heekin

9.12.23

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