

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

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 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. Resident Services Coordinator Lauren Allison, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin, Police Sergeant Robin Reid 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 August 8, 2023. All Present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2023. All Present voted yes.

Special Guest – State Representative Sedrick Denson, Ohio House District 26 introduced himself and looks forward to working with the board and the administrator.

Open Forum –

Resident Butch Huddelson had questions about paving in his neighborhood. Mr. Kubicki advised that Ms. Taylor and Mr. Frazier will be able to assist. Ms. Allison will facilitate.

Resident Mike Tighe would like the Regular Trustee Meetings to start at 6:00 pm and would like to see a meeting set up to explain the property valuation increases we have just received. He also noted that the Bengals Bash was great even though the game was not. Mr. Kubicki appreciated the feedback on the meeting time and also noted that a lot of other residents like the 4:00 start time. Mr. Kubicki also responded that we are proud of home values increasing as that is good for everyone and that Madison Place in particular is a hot home market. Mr. Lamar also appreciated the comments and indicated that he had heard concerns from others and noted that it will take a long time for taxes to actually catch up with the values.

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 next report will take place in Oct

Police Report

Lt. Naber's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Mr. Lamar praised the comprehensive reporting provided and Sgt. Reid noted that the Intelligence Unit provides the reporting and will elaborate on any details if needed.

Little Miami JF&R District Report +

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar encouraged everyone to attend the LMFR Open House and Chili Cookoff on October 7th from noon to 4pm.

Trustees' Reports

Mr. Kubicki thanked everyone involved in the Bengals Bash, including Laren Allison, Chandra Buswell and the entire road crew.

Ms. Hughes noted that Jay's Chicken on Kennedy Avenue received a Clean Kitchen Award.

Mr. Lamar praised the Tour De Crown event for a great turnout and great support for the connector

Communications –

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

Resolutions –

One Reading: Financial

Ms. Allison provided the first reading of a 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, and 23-26, 2023. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve the **RES 23-29**. All present voted yes.

First Reading:

Ms. Allison provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District, The Village of Fairfax, And Columbia Township.

Ms. Allison provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Prepare and Submit An Application To Participate in The Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement And/Or Local Transportation Improvement Program(S), Round 38, And To Execute Contracts As Required For Cambridge Avenue East, And Dispensing With The Second Reading. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to pass **RES 23-31**. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to dispense with the second reading.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

Firsts Reading:

Ms. Allison provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Sign Necessary Agreements For Annual Commercial Property And Liability Insurance Pay The Annual Premium, And Dispensing with the Second Reading. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to pass **RES 23-32**. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to dispense with the second reading.

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 Ms. Hughes to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.

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Susan Hughes

10/10/23

Date



David Kubicki

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Brian Lamar

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Date



Caroline Heekin

10-10-23

Date