

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

Board of Trustees
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November 14, 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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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, Resident Services Coordinator Lauren Allison, Police Lt. Paul 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 October 10, 2023. All Present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve the Special Meeting Minutes Of October 23, 2023. All present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Resident Tom Schram wanted to compliment Lt. Naber and the Sherrif's department who assisted a resident in recovering her day planner that was of great importance to her. The planner was recovered, and the resident was so grateful.

Resident Mike Tighe wanted to know if there is a long term plan for the properties purchased on Cambridge and Stewart. Mr. Kubicki noted that it is on the agenda for the trustees to discuss. Mr. Tighe also noted that this might be a good time to revisit the comprehensive plan. Ms. Taylor let Mr. Tighe and residents know that she and the team have put together a tentative schedule to address an update to the comprehensive plan including researching best practices and potential consultants for the process. The intention is to have community engagement activities take place in the newly renovated fire house if it fits the schedule.

Ms. Allison read an email to Dustin from a resident thanking the team for pruning the trees in Ridgewood. As a 6 foot 3 resident he was glad to "not have to duck" in his yard anymore. Ms. Taylor appreciated the comments and will pass along to Dustin. Ms. Taylor noted that this pruning is part of the NED Tree Program.

Department Reports –

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Heekin's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Ms. Allison read the report for Ms. Heekin who was absent.

Road Superintendent Report

Mr. Frazier's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Mr. Lamar noted all the work that the team has already completed and will continue to in this busiest of seasons for the team and offered his appreciation.

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Administrator's Report

Ms. Taylor's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Ms. Taylor thanked the crew members who competed in the Hamilton County ROAD-EO and took two of the top five positions with 2 and 5th place. Regarding the impact the passing of issue 2 will have on our two dispensaries, the legislators have stated that there will be adjustments made and we will have to wait for that to happen before we can determine the impact on our revenue. Ms. Taylor also noted that Sherrif's contract renewal meetings have occurred, and she will bring a renewal contract to the board at the December meeting. Ms. Taylor also noted that there may be some items up for discussion in December regarding the LMJFR District financial assistance. The Township Tree Lighting will take place on November 30th on Plainfield Road. NED weekly tree watering was completed, and our contractor will come back to address any issues. Mr. Kubicki took this opportunity to reiterate the importance and the impact this program has had. Ms. Taylor also noted that the bid process for fire house renovation has begun. If any decision is made to consider a bid it will come back to the trustees for a public discussion.

Economic Development Quarterly Report

Mr. Montgomery's next report will be in January 2024.

Police Report

Lt. Naber's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Naber noted that the DEA Drug Takeback occurred on October 28, and they retrieved 17.25 pounds of prescription medication. There has been an increase in police presence in the township per his request to enforce traffic safety/citations based on both resident input and his own assessment of recent activity. Ms. Hughes was concerned about recent stories in the news of an up tick in crime and Lt. Naber noted that despite a lot of rumors on social media there is not an increase in crimes. Lt. Naber also noted that there are a lot of things that need to be addressed and processes put in place before the recreational marijuana legislation can be enacted and it will take some time.

Little Miami JF&R District Report +

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar wanted to report that Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 16th.

Trustees Reports –

Mr. Lamar reported that Good Shepherd church has been making some improvements that affect drainage issues which should help flooding in the area. Mr. Lamar also mentioned a relatively new business in the township, Mid Century Modern Rescue will be holding a blood drive on December 2nd.

Ms. Hughes shared her appreciation for the beautiful Trees that were planted and are now in bloom. She praised the choices made in selecting the specific trees. Ms. Taylor noted that our consultant had researched extensively every detail.

Communications –

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

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Resolutions –

One Reading – Financial

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution To Supplement Resolution 23-10, 2023 (Amending 22-68, 2022) “Columbia Township 2023 Annual Appropriation” And Supplemental Appropriations 23-03, 23-04, 23-11, 23-14, 23-19, 23-24, 23-26, 23-29, 23-33, and 23-38, 2023. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt **RES 23-39**. All present voted yes.

Emergency

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing A Transfer Of Funds From General Fund 1000 To Fund 2194 To Finance Certain Expenditures For The Silverton Fire District, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to pass **RES 23-40**. 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 Mr. Lamar to invoke the Emergency Clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Madison Tree Care & Landscaping To Remove Diseased And Damaged Street Trees As Part Of NED Phase 2 – Neighborhood Economic Development Program, Dispensing With The Second Reading, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to pass the **RES 23-41**. All present voted yes. 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 Ms. Hughes to invoke the Emergency Clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution To Prepare And Submit An Application To The Ohio Department Of Development, Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program, And To Execute A Subrecipient Agreement With Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation As Required for 6805 Cambridge Avenue and 5770 Steward Road, Dispensing With The Second Reading, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to pass the **RES 23-42**. 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 invoke the Emergency Clause. 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, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund, And Dispensing With The Second Reading. Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to pass the **RES 23-43**. All present voted yes. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to dispense with the second reading. 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. 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.

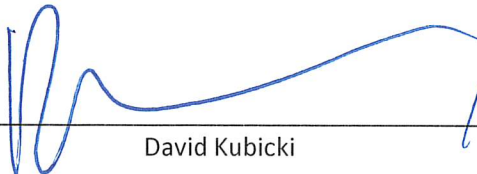
Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn

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Susan Hughes

Date



David Kubicki

Date

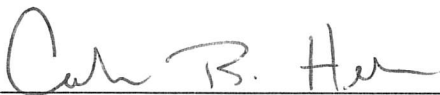
12/12/23



Brian Lamar

Date

12/12/2023



Caroline Heekin

Date

12.12.23