

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2025
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This meeting was open to the public, streamed live and available for viewing after the meeting. Columbia Township's Board of Trustees hosts an Open Forum during the public business meeting for Columbia residents and businesses. Comments and questions made directly to Columbia Township Administration by phone or email are also welcomed and reviewed. **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 4:05 p.m.

In attendance

Those Trustees in attendance were David Kubicki and Brian Lamar. Also in attendance were Township Administrator Melissa Taylor, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin, Lt. Robin Reid and Fire Captain Thompson. 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 3, 2025. All Present voted yes.

Open Forum –

Resident Mike Tighe asked a series of questions. Have the host agreement funds from recreational marijuana been frozen? As the Post Office in Ace Hardware is closing what can we do as far as resolutions and contacting state representatives? Ms. Taylor noted that there are scheduled closings of "redundant locations" and Mr. Kubicki agreed to investigate possible interventions. Mr. Kubicki also noted that he will cover the subject of marijuana funds in his trustee report.

Department Reports –

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Heekin's report was included in the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Road Superintendent's Report

Mr. Frazier's report was included in the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Taylor's report was included in the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Ms. Taylor highlighted some of the items in her report including how the Grace Avenue project and future road projects will be hugely impacted by the marijuana funds or lack thereof.

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Department Reports (cont.) –

Economic Development Report:

Mr. Montgomery's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Police Report

The police report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Reid announced that there will be a National Night Out on the 1st Tuesday in August (5th) in Silverton from 5 to 8pm and will include a K-9 therapy dog and more.

Little Miami JF&R District Report +

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar thanked Captain Thompson for attending. Mr. Lamar was grateful to have viewed renderings of our new fire engine.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Lamar noted that he was receiving great feedback from residents regarding the stormwater project. Mr. Brokamp advised residents to look for the latest edition of The Voice newsletter arriving in their mailbox in the next few weeks. Mr. Kubicki provided an update on the marijuana revenue including a brief background of activity and concluded that he continues to be cautiously optimistic about our outcome but that there is much more work to be done. Mr. Lamar praised Mr. Kubicki's leadership on this issue.

Communications –

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

Motions –

Ms. Taylor thanked our Finance Director, Krista Blum, for revising the budget after holding a public hearing to reflect the possible loss of all marijuana funds. Mr. Kubicki made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar Approving the 2026 Hamilton Co. Auditor's Tax Budget. All present voted yes.

Resolutions –

One Reading - Financial:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution To Supplement Resolution 25-01 (Amended) "Columbia Township 2025 Annual Appropriation". Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to pass **RES 25-28**. All present voted yes.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of the following resolutions, title only for the record, as these will not be voted on with all three trustees present.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Authorizing A Stormwater improvement Project Agreement And Stormwater Easement Agreement With Good Shepherd Montessori School, Authorizing Township Administrator To Enter Into Agreements, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency.

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 The Good Shepherd Montessori School Stormwater Improvement Project, A Columbia Township Civic Engagement Project, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Amending Resolution 24-57 Authorizing Township Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Artworks Cincinnati For Cultural And Historical Experience Spaces In The New Columbia Township Community And Government Services Center, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Taylor provided the first reading of a Resolution Amending Resolution 25-26 Authorizing A Change Order To Perkins & Carmack Construction Contract For The Madison Place Firehouse Redevelopment Project, Dispensing With The Second Reading, And Declaring An Emergency.

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Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports –

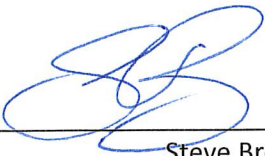
Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports. All present voted to approve.

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

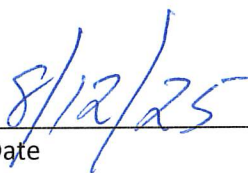
Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn.

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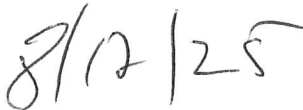
Steve Brokamp



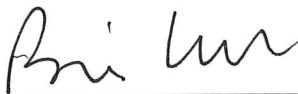
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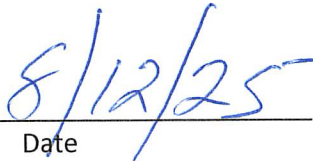
David Kubicki



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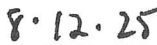
Brian Lamar



Date



Caroline Heekin



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