

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

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

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Due to COVID, this meeting was open to the public on a limited capacity and was broadcast live on ICRC to YouTube. Columbia Township residents and businesses were also invited to email or call with comments or questions to be read during "Open Forum".

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 and Police Deputy Tom Trabel also attended. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval and Signing of Minutes –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes, to approve Special Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020. All present voted yes.

Announcements – Mr. Kubicki announced that since our last televised meeting, Mr. Kritikos and his family moved out of the Township which created a trustee vacancy on the Board. Mr. Kubicki briefly explained how Mr. Lamar came to be appointed and provided a brief description of his credentials and history with the Township. Mr. Lamar expressed his appreciation for the trust the Board has placed in him and shared his passion and enthusiasm for the work ahead. All the trustees and fiscal officer thanked Mr. Kritikos for his service and his friendship.

Open Forum – Mr. Kubicki read questions emailed from residents.

Stacy Bryant asked about the process used in the selection of Mr. Lamar as a Trustee. Mr. Kubicki described the necessary quick nature of the process that follows Ohio law requiring an appointment take place at a public meeting within thirty days of a trustee's resignation. Mr. Kubicki explained that he and the other board members explore possible candidates from all the neighborhoods in order to find the best fit.

Carl Jones questioned Fire District negotiations and individuals involved. Mr. Kubicki explained that we are putting all of our resources toward a solution, and the board stands behind the decision to hire Mr. Lemon to finalize the deal. Ms. Taylor agreed that Mr. Lemon knows the issues better than anyone and is the best person to put a deal together. Ms. Taylor also added that this is the first public meeting where details of the negotiations can even be shared due to an Ohio Supreme Court mediation confidentiality agreement in place. Ms. Taylor suggested that residents should contact the trustees or her directly for facts and information rather than being misled by rumors and misinformation on social media. Ms. Taylor praised the professionally run board and its lack of drama. She also emphasized that residents and businesses will continue to receive, without interruption, the current excellent fire and ems services and there is no planned tax levy increase as part of the district reorganization.

Department Reports –

Road Superintendent Report

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

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Department Reports – (cont.)

Police Report

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

Fiscal Officer's Report

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Taylor's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Ms. Taylor highlighted the celebration of the completion of the Wooster Pike Crosswalk planned for Thursday, August 20th. Ms. Taylor also thanked resident Peggy Landis for delivering several lovely flower arrangements to the township office.

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Covered in the Administrator's Report and Open Forum

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report –

Covered in Administrator's Report and Open Forum

Trustees' Reports – Mr. Lamar shared that 50 West Burger Bar is currently hiring which is a great sign. Also, the Madison Place Coffee Shop is a great space and their grand opening will be September 5th.

Communications –

- Medical Marijuana Industry Maturing as Sales Grow

Motions –

Ms. Taylor asked for a Motion to vote for these members and alternates to represent the Hamilton County Township Association on the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District Integrating Committee for Hamilton County (District 2): Denny Connor, Sycamore Township, MEMBER; Tony Rosiello, Green Township, MEMBER; Dan Unger, Colerain Township, Alternate for Denny Connor; Josh Gerth, Anderson Township, Alternate for Tony Rosiello
Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes, to vote for members. All present voted yes.

Resolutions –

One Reading Only:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Supplement Res. 19-23, 2019 "Columbia Township 2020 Annual Appropriation" and Res. 20-19, 2020 "Supplemental Appropriation"

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes, to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes.

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Resolutions – (cont.)

Emergency:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution to Authorize the Administrator to Enter into a Contract to Purchase Real Estate Required for the Maphet Street Road Improvement Project Dispensing with the Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kubicki, to suspend the rules for a second reading. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kubicki, to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kubicki, to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Linck Interiors for Minor Modifications to the Township Administration & Maintenance Building to Comply with Public Health Measures Eligible for Ohio HB 481 Coronavirus Relief Funds, Dispensing with the Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kubicki, to suspend the rules for a second reading. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kubicki, to adopt the resolution. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Old Business –

No Old Business was discussed

New Business –

No New Business was discussed

Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports –

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

Announcements –

Madison Place Coffee Shop Grand Opening is September 5th.

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

Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.

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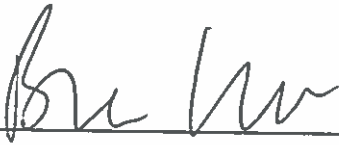
Susan Hughes

Date



David Kubicki

Date



Brian Lamar

Date



Caroline Heekin

Date