

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021
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Due to COVID, this meeting is open to the public but will be streamed live on Vimeo. It will also be available for viewing on YouTube.

Live@ <https://vimeo.com/497381711>

After Meeting@ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLfD5afKymmzsH8L5mLpDaQ>

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, Police Lieutenant Enderle and Dustin Montgomery from HCDC were also in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Included in the agenda was official notice of 2021 Columbia Township Board of Trustee Meetings set to take place at 4:00pm on the Second Tuesday of Each Month at the Columbia Township Administration & Maintenance building, 5686 Kenwood Rd, 45227. Those dates are February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14, 2021.

Nominations and Election of Board of Trustees President –

Mr. Lamar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Mr. Kubicki. All present voted yes.

Nominations and Election of Board of Trustees Vice-President –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Mr. Lamar. All present voted yes.

Appointment of Representatives to Little Miami Joint Fire-Rescue District Board (two) –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Ms. Taylor and Mr. Lamar. All present voted yes.

Appointment of Representative to HCRPC Planning Partnership (one) –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Ms. Taylor. All present voted yes.

Confirmation of JEDZ Board Chairperson and Representatives (one chair, two reps) –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Mr. Lamar. All present voted yes.

Ms. Hughes and Mr. Kubicki will serve as representatives.

Approval and Signing of Minutes –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2020. All Present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the special meeting minutes of December 22, 2020. All present voted yes.

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Open Forum – No residents were signed in to speak. Ridgewood resident Linnea Lose emailed Ms. Taylor with a message of Thanks for the Township Crew who were out salting the roads after midnight on Christmas Eve.

Department Reports –

Fiscal Officer's Report

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

Road Superintendent Report

Mr. Servizzi'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.

Economic Development Quarterly Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)

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

Police Report

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

LMJF&R Fire District Report

Mr. Lamar reported that ongoing negotiations remain positive.

Deer Park-Silverton Fire District Report

Covered in LMJF&R Report

Trustees' Reports

Ms. Hughes reminded all that we have 67 days left before Spring.

Mr. Lamar will produce a podcast regarding recent home valuations and the potential tax implications.

Mr. Kubicki shared comments from residents about missing holiday events; our intention is to get back community celebrations as soon as it is safe to do so.

Communications –

- Columbia JEDZ 2018-19 Ohio Audit Report
- Hamilton Co. Board of Zoning Appeals: 6801 Stewart Rd. Request for Variance for six-foot privacy fence; January 13th at 1:00pm (Zoom)
- Madeira to appeal ruling on city critic (\$576,000 so far in legal fees), *Cincinnati Enquirer*
- New Podcast Series "Making It Happen" and YouTube Channel Video Series
- Facebook Posts

Resolutions –

One Reading Only:

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution to Adopt Columbia Township 2021 Annual Appropriation

Mrs. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-01**. All present voted yes.

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Resolutions – continued

Emergency

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payment of Taxes, Dispensing with The Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-02**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-02**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Establishing Just and Equitable Service Charges for Removal of Snow and Ice from Undedicated Township Roads, Dispensing with The Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lamar to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to adopt the **Resolution 21-03**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Lamar to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

1st Reading

Ms. Taylor provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Supporting the Proposed Shared-Use Path from US-50 At Spring Hill Drive to Pocahontas Avenue Intersection to Connect the Little Miami Scenic Trail in Columbia Township to Mariemont And Future Murray Path Extension. The 2nd reading will take place in February.

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 December. 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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Caroline Heekin 2/17/21

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