

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5686 KENWOOD ROAD CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2017**

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The Columbia Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Trustee David Kubicki at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance

Those Trustees in attendance were David Kubicki and Chris Kritikos; Susan Hughes was out of town. The Township Administrator, Michael Lemon and Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve regular meeting minutes from June 6, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve the special meeting minutes from June 19 and June 20, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Open Forum

Mr. Matt Gibson, Mr. John Mannino and one other resident not listed on the sign-in sheet conveyed concerns over Roe Street reconstruction due to erroneous information they received in the form of an anonymous flyer, not produced by the township. All concerned were encouraged by Mr. Lemon to join him and Mr. Servizzi in a review of the actual plans after the regular meeting is concluded which would answer most questions.

Mr. Mike Tighe encouraged the trustees to support the bike trail, including financial support from JEDZ.

Department Reports

Fire Inspector Report -

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

Superintendent Report

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

Police Report

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

Fiscal Officer Report

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Lemon shared details regarding the Madison Place Parking Survey; the survey will assess ways to optimize parking and should be completed by the end of summer.

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Regarding Roe Street, the Fred Nieman Company submitted the best and lowest bid. The 2018 Township Budget was presented to the trustees and is due for submission by July 14.. The Bike Path Extension study with Great Parks is underway. Electric Aggregation from IGS will provide the Township with the lowest rates in the region at 8.5% less than the current rate and 14.3% below Duke energy's price-to-compare rate.

Trustees Report

Mr. Kubicki acknowledged Mr. Lemon for his success with JEDZ and the pilot program with Sam's. Mr. Kubicki thanked Mr. Tighe for his enthusiastic support of the Bike Trail and expressed the trustees' full agreement; he also thanked him for championing the Police Levy.

Communications

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "West Chester offers 'no-soliciting' decals
- Business Courier: Massive indoor adventure attraction in the works (6/9)
- Eagle Energy Email regarding lower electric aggregation rate (6/20)
- Duke Energy: Reliability Enhancement Project (6/23)

Resolutions

Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading of a Resolution 17-21 Approving a Feasibility Study in Partnership with Great Parks of Hamilton County and Payment of \$9,000.00 to IBI Group for Completing the Feasibility Study. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution 17-22 Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Tall Grass, Weeds and Debris, and Inoperable Automobile, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 6855 Buckingham Place, Dispensing with the 2nd reading, and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to adopt the motion. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to invoke the Emergency Claus. All present vote yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution 17-23 Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Tall Grass, Weeds and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 6804 Stewart Road, Mrs. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to adopt the

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motion. All present voted yes. Mrs. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to invoke the Emergency Claus. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution 17-24 Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 5495 Hill and Dale Avenue, Dispensing with the 2nd Reading, and Declaring and Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to adopt the motion. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to invoke the Emergency Claus. All present voted yes.

New Business – Mr. Kubicki called for any questions regarding the 2018 Budget.

Announcements – There will be a Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget on Friday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for June, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve the 2018 Budget and submit it to the County Budget Commissioner. All present voted to approve and submit.

Adjournment

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to to approve.

Susan Hughes

Date

David Kubicki

Date

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Chris Kritikos Date

Caroline Heekin Date