

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

**Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 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, Chris Kritikos and Susan Hughes. The Township Administrator, Michael Lemon and Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve regular meeting minutes from July 11, 2017. All present voted to approve.

**Guest Speaker**

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Dreihaus was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict and will reschedule for a later date.

**Open Forum**

Mr. Carl Jones suggested that unmanned Township Police cars be stationed in Ridgewood to discourage speeding. Mr. Jones stated that he had received complaints of speeding and rolling of stop signs from Ridgewood residents. Mr. Kubicki suggested residents should report traffic violations directly to the Hamilton County Sherriff's office or to the Township office.

Mr. Harry Holbert, Columbia Township Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer, explained that his office is currently inputting data that will map maintenance complaints; initial reports will be available in the next couple of weeks.

**Department Reports**

Fire Inspector's Report

Mr. Wendell'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.

Police Report

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

Mr. Lemon shared details regarding several items including the Comprehensive Plan; there will be a meeting with the consultants to address issues with the first draft before it is presented to the Stakeholders and Trustees for review and comment.

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There is no meeting currently scheduled with Golf Manor to discuss the possible LMJF&R merger. The Roe Avenue project is underway; we are meeting regularly with the contractors to address issues and penalties will be imposed if the project is not finished on schedule as per our contract.

The 2018 Budget was approved and submitted to the County Budget Commission; we should hear results soon.

The "Little Free Library" being spearheaded by Mr. Kritikos is close to being approved in Williams Meadow. Mariemont is considering a capital campaign that could be in the 40 million range as well as an operating levy the amount of which has not yet been determined.

LMJF&R Report

No new developments (see Mr. Lemon's report)

Trustees Report

Mr. Kritikos' "Little Library" report was covered by Mr. Lemon

**Communications**

Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Report paints our tall middle, round ends" (7/18)

Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "I was shooting in the streets yelling, 'call the police'" (7/22)

Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Big Bopper" was even bigger personality" (7/31)

**Resolutions**

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> and only required reading to Supplement Resolutions 16-36, 2016 Columbia Township 2017 Annual Appropriation, 17-09, 2017, 17-11, 2017 and 17-13 2017. Ms. Hughes makes a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the Resolution **17-25**. All present vote yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a Resolution Authorizing a Renewal Agreement for Professional Services for General Economic Development Assistance; Authorizing Administrator to Enter into Agreement with Hamilton County Development Company (HCDC).

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2018 Ford Explorer Police Package SUV. Mr. Lemon pointed out that we will also be looking into a Hybrid with careful consideration of Maintenance and Power issues.

**Old Business** – No old business is discussed

**New Business** – No new business is discussed

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**Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports**

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

**Announcements** – No announcements

**Signing of Minutes and Resolutions –**

Ms. Hughes makes a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to sign and approve the minutes and resolutions. All present voted yes.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Hughes makes a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to approve.

