

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5686 KENWOOD ROAD CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227

Board of Trustees
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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 allegiances was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve regular meeting minutes from August 8, 2017. All present voted to approve

Open Forum

Carmen Henderson Schafus from the Ohio Laborers' District Council provided a brief presentation. The highlights of the presentation were that this Construction Union is self-funded and guarantees a drug free work force.

Sharon Fusco from Hamilton County's Elderly Services Program presented their Annual Report with an extensive look at services provided. There are currently 22 Columbia Township residents being served by ESP out of 5700 county wide. ESP services are funded by a special Levy.

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'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; details are on the website and were also sent out to Stakeholders for comment prior to their meeting scheduled for September 21st at 6:00 p.m.

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Administrator's Report (continued)

The old "Sam's Club" location owners rejected an offer for a parcel; negotiations will continue.

Golf Manor held a meeting on the 11th regarding The Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue; all council members are supportive of a merger and will hold a vote at a meeting scheduled for September 25th.

Roe Avenue construction continues with curbing beginning ahead of schedule. Residents are facing some parking challenges as expected.

We are seeing many new residents seeking available tax abatements; some are coming from Madison Place. Requirements for CRA Residential Applications include a notarized list of improvements and costs and certificate of occupancy.

Bike Path Study results are expected any day.

We attended a business retention visit to CBT with RED1 and HCDC to address any issues and offer assistance from the Township. CBT is happy with its Township location and services.

We met with the tax administrators for the JEDZ to discuss improved reporting.

We have locked in rates that are 9% less than what Duke Energy provides. Residents can call Constellation Energy to sign up.

Trustees Report

Mr. Kritikos recommended it is time to determine Holiday Lighting plans.

Mr. Kubicki discussed the benefits of "Township Talks" as a way to better communicate with residents all the good news as well as hearing their suggestions and concerns

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)

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Resolutions

Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading of the 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. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt Resolution **17-26**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2018 Ford Explorer Police Package SUV. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the Resolution **17-27**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only required reading of a Resolution **17-28** To Supplement Resolutions 11-36, 2016 Columbia Township 2017 Annual Appropriation, 17-09, 2017, 17-11, 2017, 17-13, 2017 and 17-25, 2017. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the Resolution 17-28. All present voted yes.

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 August, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Adjournment

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

_____ Susan Hughes	_____ Date
_____ David Kubicki	_____ Date
_____ Chris Kritikos	_____ Date
_____ Caroline Heekin	_____ Date