

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

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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. The Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Lt. McElroy 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 of January 9, 2018  
All present voted yes.

**Open Forum**

Theresa Kay Osborne informed us that speeding issues have increased on Monning Street. Lt. McElroy made a note to increase the HCSO presence and follow up.

Les Hemingway shared rumors that the firehouse will be given away for free. Mr. Kubicki assured Les that the Township will not give away any property without benefits to the community.

**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. Lt. McElroy followed up with his report that there was an arrest made in a rape investigation and warrants were issued in the break-in on Muchmore and the robbery at Day's Inn.

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 highlighted several items including that the Comprehensive Plan is finalized and was adopted by the HCRPC. Mr. Lemon thanked everyone for their patience as well as their

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**Administrator's Report (cont.)**

participation and noted the positive outcome based on the township listening to residents and adopting changes even as the plan was close to completion.

We are trying to accelerate the Bike Path Extension feasibility study and begin construction.

We are still waiting to hear about the awarding of medical marijuana dispensary licenses, hoping that 1 of 3 applications for a Columbia Township location will be awarded. Mr. Kritikos believed we might hear soon based on what he learned at the Township Winter Conference in Columbus.

The Wooster Pike Pedestrian Crossing will likely be located somewhere between Ashley Oak and Newtown Road. Mr. Kritikos has reached out to State Rep. Tom Brinkman and Senator Steve Wilson to determine what resources may be available to us for funding.

The Township is looking at the possibility of forming our own Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) which could help expedite some economic development.

**LMJF&R Report**

Ms. Hughes was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mr. Lemon reported that the board continues to look at operations and overall things are going well.

**Trustees Report**

Mr. Kritikos wanted to point out the time it takes to spearhead the positive things happening in the township. Mr. Kritikos thanked residents for attending events and encouraged residents to keep the momentum going for upcoming events like St. Patrick's Day and possible Farmers Market in Madison Place.

**Communications**

- HCSO: 2017 Crime Statistics
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "here's why you're paying more taxes" (1/7)
- Administrator: Letter to LMJFD advising appointment of Susan Hughes and David Olsen to LMJFD Board of Directors (1/17)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "One of Cincinnati's oldest craft breweries to start canning beer" (1/22)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Cincinnati group among more than 60 Ohio medical marijuana cultivator applicants appealing state rejections" (1/19)
- Eagle Energy: Aggregation Report for 2017
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "new streamlined options when filing Ohio municipal taxes" (1/28)

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**Resolutions**

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Resolution Authorizing Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with the Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District for Fire Protection and Ambulance Services in the Silverton Fire District, Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be in March.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Resolution Establishing Just and Equitable Service Charges During the Period from October 2017 Through April 2018 in Connection with the Removal of Snow and Ice from Undedicated Township Roads. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be in March.

**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 January, 2018. All present voted to approve.

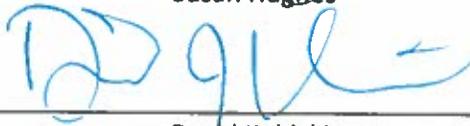
**Signing of Minutes and Resolutions** – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

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



Susan Hughes

Date



David Kubicki

Date



Chris Kritikos

Date



Caroline Heekin

Date