

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

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
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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.

Mr. Kritikos made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Mr. Kubicki for President of the Board of Trustees. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to nominate Mr. Kritikos for Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to appoint Ms. Hughes as Representative to Little Miami Joint Fire-Rescue District Board. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to appoint Mr. Lemon as Representative to HCRPC Planning Partnership. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to appoint Ms. Hughes and Mr. Kritikos as JEDZ Board Representatives. All present voted yes. A discussion to appoint Mr. Kubicki as an alternate for Ms. Hughes is tabled.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve

- Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2017
- Special Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2017
- Special Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2018

All present voted yes.

**Open Forum**

Stacey Bryant-Rose thanked the trustees and administrator for listening to the citizens of Madison Place and abiding by their requests to revise the Comprehensive Plan in regards to land use designation for Plainville Road; it will remain as it was in the 2011 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lemon encouraged Madison Place residents to join township officials at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting when the Hamilton county Economic Development Department will review the plan. Ms. Bryant-Rose also asked if Special Meeting notes are available for review. Mr. Lemon explained that notice for meetings is provided and all meeting minutes are posted on the website.

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Les Hemingway requested a street light be added at Blaney and Edith. He also noted that some of the street lights have a blue cast and seem less bright. Mr. Hemingway requested assistance with developing a neighborhood watch; Lt. McElroy will follow up with information. Mr. Hemingway asked if there were any upcoming public meetings with the Woeste Automotive group. Mr. Lemon noted that the township had suggested such a meeting would be beneficial to all parties but nothing has been scheduled as of today.

Dustin Montgomery & Catherine Fitzgerald from HCDC provided a Quarterly Update which is available for public inspection.

**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 highlighted several items including the Little Miami Fire and Rescue Merger which is complete. The new Joint District Fire Chief will be former Gold Manor Fire Chief Denny Puthoff and there will be no change in fire and emergency services for residents.

Action taken by the township regarding a Medical Marijuana dispensary received good coverage by local media. We are working with three companies submitting applications but we don't know when the announcement will be made due to recent Department of Justice involvement.

The Madison Place Parking Study survey posted on the website received a good amount of activity just before closing at the end of December. This information is being compiled and we will receive a final report from the consultants shortly.

**LMJF&R Report**

Covered in Open Forum and Administrators Report. Mr. Kubicki had no additions.

**Trustees Report**

Mr. Kritikos congratulated newly sworn-in board members and challenged the entire board to continue the momentum of good work such as Township Talks and he thanked residents for their continued engagement and suggestions.

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Mr. Kubicki highlighted the success of the Madison Place Tree Lighting event and thanked those who participated including the sheriff's office.

**Communications**

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Ohio defends marijuana farm selection process" (12/17)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Texas among last states to OK medical pot" (12/17)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Hamilton County is No. 1, and it hurts" (12/24)
- Politico: Article "Sessions to end policy allowing legal pot to flourish" (1/4)

**Resolutions**

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Establishing Salary Ranges for the Year 2018. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-02**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of the Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payment of Taxes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-03**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of the Resolution Authorizing the Amount of Compensation and Salary Method of Compensation for Newly Elected Trustees. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-04**. All present voted yes.

**New Business –**

The vehicle that was designated for trade-in towards the new police Explorer will be used by the Sheriff's Department for training purposes. Mr. Kubicki makes a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to transfer the vehicle title to the Sheriff's office. All present vote yes.

**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, 2017. All present voted to approve.

**Announcements –** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter JEDZ payment was received on 1/8/17.

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

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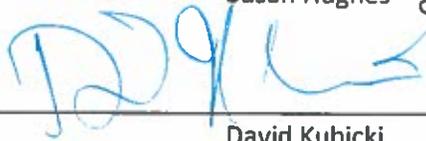
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Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adjourn the meeting.  
All present voted to adjourn.



Susan Hughes

Date



David Kubicki

Date



Chris Kritikos

Date



Caroline Heekin

Date