

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

**Board of Trustees
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, Christos Kritios and Susan Hughes. Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gray and Lt. McElroy were also present. Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin was unable to attend.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos, to approve Work Session Minutes of April 25, 2018. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2018. All present voted yes.

Open Forum

Lt. Dan McElroy introduce Major William Rarrick who will be taking over the enforcement section.

Stacey Bryant- Rose expressed her concerns regarding newsletter distribution. Residents on Edith and the west side of Cambridge did not receive the last two newsletters.

Les Hemingway thanked the Trustees for the streetlight on Cambridge. He believes neighborhood watch is a good idea but having trouble finding volunteers.

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.

Major

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:

Based upon new information from ODOT regarding improvement plans on US 50, we are delaying the implementation of the Wooster Pike crosswalk until next year.

We have two radar speed signs in operation locate on Roe Street and Ashley Oak. Two others are awaiting designated locations.

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Administrator's Report (continued)

David Olson, a long-serving resident to the board of directors was provided a proclamation expressing gratitude for all his years of service to the fire district.

The township received a letter from the fire district notifying us of the need to begin negotiations for a new contract for the Ridge Fire District which expires December 31. The district is seeking an increase but the township will resist any increase until other contracted communities pay similar rates as the Ridge Fire District.

Construction has begun on the new restaurant on Wooster Pike. The TIF established at the beginning of the year will be used to help pay for access to water to the site. If all goes well, the restaurant hopes to open by the end of the year.

Seven Hills School requested the vacation of a portion of Bufler for the purpose of building a new fieldhouse for the school. Several homes acquired by the school will be demolished which opens the way for the partial vacation.

Dustin Montgomery of HCDC and I are making a presentation to the Commercial Real Estate Council June 14 to promote the township. The presentation will be done in conjunction with a tour of 50West Brewing.

On June 1, an incredible amount of rain fell in a very short time that resulted in one home flooding from hillside run-off and many home basements and garages filling with water due to surcharging of the sewers. The township responded quickly, getting the fire department, Duke Energy, MSD, water pumps from other communities and assisting homeowners with water in basements. It was a unique time when everyone was working together.

Observing videos, pictures and eyewitness accounts, it was encouraging to see that the newly reconstructed Roe Street drainage worked exceptionally well. Water in basements would have been much worse had we not reconstructed the street.

The township is working with county officials, engineers, property owners and agencies to do everything possible to assist those impacted by the rain event and to mitigate the impact of any similar situation.

Trustees Report

Chris Kritikos asked to talk on radio station 700 about the medical marijuana and how we were awarded the two dispensaries for the township and had a good conversation. We are excited to move forward not sure of how much is tied up with the state but we are anxious

Communications

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Two village officers must repay undocumented spending" (5/13)
- LMJFRD: Letter from Carson Shelton regarding Renegotiating Ridge Fire District Contract (5/17, received 6/4)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Here's where Greater Cincinnati's marijuana dispensaries will be" (6/4)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Ohio's medical marijuana program may not be ready by September deadline" (6/5)
- Enquirer: Article "Canada is expected to legalize marijuana" (6/7)

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Resolutions

Mr. Lemon provided the 2nd reading of the Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Professional Services for the Development of a New Columbia Township Video. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt **Resolution 18-14**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st 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). The second reading will be at the July 10 meeting

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Petitioning the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to Vacate a Portion of Bufler Lane; and to Declare Emergency. 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 **Resolution 18-17** Petitioning the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to Vacate a Portion of Bufler Lane; and to Declare Emergency. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Amending Resolution 17-36, 2017: Medical Marijuana (*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. Kubicki to adopt **Resolution 18-16** Resolution Amending Resolution 17-36, 2017: Medical Marijuana Emergency. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

Old Business

Bryan Pacheco received information from City of Cincinnati requesting the Township to sign a Quick claim deed for the vacationing of Raywill Court.

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 May 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 Ms. Hughes to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.

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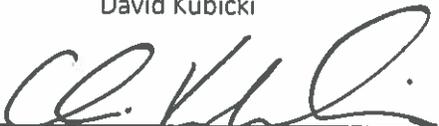
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Susan Hughes Date



David Kubicki Date



Chris Kritikos Date



Caroline Heekin Date