

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of January 12, 2017

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room.

Chairperson, Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Sawhill to record the following Trustees present: Edward Diebold, yes; Richard Kutuchief, yes; and Tom Seese, yes. All Trustees were recorded present.

Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer, Robert Saffian; Fire Chief, John Dolensky; and Zoning Inspector, George Beckham.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Anna Sawhill advised the Board that the Levy motions will be on tonight's meeting agenda for approval. We have to send our resolutions requesting that the County Fiscal Officer calculate and certify the amounts for each levy. We will need to see if this can be expedited due to the Board of Elections filing deadline of February 1st.
2. Robert Saffian explained that he has had discussions with the Sheriff's Office regarding our current policing contract. They have agreed to reduce our monthly payment until the levy passes. We will then have to re-pay the balance once we receive our increased funding, or we'll have to reduce our coverage. Brief discussion over levy amounts whether we try to add coverage with an 8 mill levy or keep our current coverage with a 4 mill levy. 4 mills will still be a challenge to pass and we can always come back in a year or two to request an additional levy to see if residents want increased coverage at that time.
3. Permanent Appropriations – discussion held over when they should be ready for Board approval. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
4. Tom Seese discussed his feelings on the Road Department Vacation Schedule & Work Hours. He stated that there was a situation last fall where the Road Superintendent and Road Foreman were both out of town at the same time. He stated that in his opinion, since the levy passed we need to show as much of a visual presence to the public as possible and should not have more than one person off at a time. He realized that emergencies come up and that sometimes two people are off due to illness, etc., but it shouldn't be scheduled that way ahead of time. He also stated that he doesn't think they should work 4-10's in the summer. Discussion was held over the pros and cons of the schedule. Richard Kutuchief stated that he felt the Board should meet with Lael to discuss these issues before any decisions are made.
5. OTA Winter Conference – Tom Seese voiced his opinion that we shouldn't spend the money to send Anna and Bob to the conference. He thought Kutuchief should go, but understands he cannot due to work commitments. Brief discussion was held over the benefits of attending the conference. Anna and Bob will be out of the office Wednesday, January 25th through Friday, January 27th. George and Lori will be covering the office.
6. Economic Development – Bob Saffian discussed his ideas for the implementation of an overlay district (zoning). He would like to ask the City of Akron for economic development assistance through the JEDD to generate revenue in the Township.
7. K Company – PACE Program – George Beckham explained that the K Company will be giving an informational presentation on the PACE Program, which is a Federal loan program.
8. Coventry, Ohio – Postal Code Change – Richard Kutuchief verified that the rest of the Board was in support of this change. He stated that of the people he has personally spoken to, only one is not in favor. He's done two Facebook surveys which both showed a lot of support. he would like to place an ad in the paper to announce town hall meetings, and it could possibly include a cut out mailer which would have a survey residents could fill out and return to us.
9. Hydrant Painting project – Richard Kutuchief asked how much money the Township could invest in this project. There was some discussion over the possibility of donations to cover paint and supply costs.
10. Robert Saffian stated that after speaking with Chief Dolensky, the fire department will be paying for fire related legal expenses out of their own funds.

11. Chief Dolensky briefly discussed a Heroin ADM program that is currently in Cincinnati. The Health Department is looking at doing it in Summit County. We would have to pay our people and the Summit County Sheriff's Office to participate.
12. Richard Kutuchief stated he would like to have the Township do the opioid meeting. It appears that the school isn't doing it, and we could incorporate it into our levy campaign.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Tom Seese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Richard Kutuchief, yes; and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer