

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of April 13, 2017

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coventry Town Hall.

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Sawhill to record the following Trustees present: Edward Diebold, ye s; Richard Kutuchief,(absent/excused); and Tom Seese, yes. Two Trustees were recorded present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes

170413-01 Tom Seese made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting and workshop of March 9, 2017 and the special meeting of March 30, 2017. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

New Business:

Summit County Job Preservation MOU

It was noted that the amended agreement as proposed must be approved by the Board in order to remain signatory to the agreement. Legislation and the signed agreement must be submitted no later than September 29, 2017.

170413-02 Tom Seese made a motion to approve the amended Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing, 2017-2018 Version, October 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Reports by Department Heads

John Dolensky, Fire Chief (absent/excused)

Excess FEMA Grant Funds

It was noted that this grant was used for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus. Use of the excess funds will provide our EMTs with some ballistic protection during unstable alarms. It will replace our aging gas meters and also provide hydrogen cyanide detection.

170413-03 Tom Seese made a motion to authorize the fire chief to apply for and purchase (20) Ballistic Protection Vests with related accessories and (3) Four Gas Monitoring Meters, with the excess funds remaining from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant EMW-2015-FO-02521, in the amount of \$22,395. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Lael Stouffer, Road Superintendent (absent/excused)

Cemetery Mowing - 2017

It was noted that this request is to cover the mowing expense of both township cemeteries for the 2017 season. Prices have not increased from last year.

170413-04 Tom Seese made a motion to approve a blanket certificate in the amount of \$9,500 for mowing of the township cemeteries. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

George Beckham, Zoning Inspector reported that the Zoning Commission met earlier in the month to discuss electronic signs. We currently have one of the strictest policies regarding the number of times the message can change. We invited several businesses to attend so we can have them test our proposed change over the next month. We are looking to increase the number of times the message changes from 1 time per minute, to 6 times per minute, which is the standard.

Sgt. Hadley, Summit County Sheriff's Office reported that there were 751 calls for service in March, 57 traffic stops, and 25 arrests. Speed signs will be placed in the Township during April as the Board has requested on Bender and also S. Main.

Dave Koontz, Summit County Engineer's Office stated that he's looked at Lael's drainage requests. They've also looked at the Vaughn Trail culvert and will be including that in their scope of work for the N. Turkeyfoot culvert. He briefly discussed the Clock Tower area. There appears to be a shift in the tower above the clock so they're keeping an eye on the structure for further movement. He also mentioned the Engineer's new storm water assessment program to fund drainage issues on private property.

Vicki Tavenier, Coventry School Board announced that the Taste of Coventry will be April 28th at Prime 93 which will raise money for a new electronic sign for the elementary school.

Report by the Fiscal Officer:

Robert Saffian

170413-05 Tom Seese made a motion to receive all bills and salaries, warrant numbers 67997 to 68090 as certified by Fiscal Officer, Robert Saffian, and subject to audit. (A listing of the warrants will be made a part of these minutes.) Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Budgetary Correction

Robert Saffian explained that this motion is to correct a Transfer of funds to the Sheriff's Policing Rotary fund from the General Fund last year that was made in error during the 2016 Appropriations. It should have been done as an Advance, so the monies can be repaid to the General Fund.

170413-06 Tom Seese made a motion to amend a "Transfer of Funds" to be an "Advance of Funds" in the amount of \$682,000 from the General fund to the Public Safety Fund – Sheriff's Policing Rotary Fund which occurred on 3/31/2016. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Reports by Trustees:

Edward Diebold announced that the next PAC meeting will be at 4:30 on Wednesday to discuss and organize a mail drop for the levy. There will be an opioid seminar on April 25th at the High School. April 29th and May 13th we will have a Yard Waste and Tire Drop Off at Cottage Grove Park. He noted the change in location this year from Logan Field. He stated that the Coventry Quill newsletter was mailed earlier this week and thanked Anna Sawhill for her hard work. He briefly discussed the levies that are on the May 2nd ballot. We currently have one Deputy on patrol in the Township 24/7 – failure of Issue 7 will result in cuts to that coverage. He asked everyone to please keep police protection in our Township. We also have a Fire & EMS levy up for renewal. He wished everyone a happy Easter.

Tom Seese thanked George Beckham for opening the Senior Center for the bridge club while he was on vacation. He also reported that he and George attended a meeting yesterday for the K Company property acquisition on S. Arlington. It's an opportunity to help them receive funding from the County for an energy savings program. He wished everyone a happy Easter.

Public Comments:

Barbara Smith – asked about using the Senior Center. Discussion was held over senior groups that are welcome to sign up for daytime use during the week. Anna Sawhill explained that we are looking into getting the building ready for weekend rentals.

Mike Gaugler – CYSO – discussion over field improvements at Logan’s soccer fields. He presented a plan for a banner sign and explained the location. He also asked if it would be possible to have playground equipment installed. Anna Sawhill stated that she would check with the Township’s insurer to see what we’ll need to do.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Tom Seese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer