

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SNOW REMOVAL POLICY
RESOLUTION NO. 110210-03**

The Board of Trustees of Coventry Township met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:30 in the Coventry Township Town Hall with all Trustees present.

All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were made at an open meeting of the Board and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Dave Bulgrin moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Coventry Township Road Department maintains 54.78 miles of road or (108 lane miles); and

WHEREAS, the Coventry Township Road Department utilizes Township equipment and personnel as effectively and efficiently as possible in order to create a safe traveling environment for the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

Coventry Township requests in co-operation and support of our efforts that the Township residents fulfill the following requests or guidelines set forth which we have determined are for everyone's benefit and safety.

Parking: We request that residents not park vehicles in the streets during a snow storm. This will help Township services properly clear roads and help prevent vehicles from being plowed in. The snow plow by design moves snow from the roadway to the right side. In instances of heavier snowfall and wider streets more than one pass will be required to fully clear the street.

Mailboxes: Damage to mailboxes resulting from snow plowing will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Mailboxes that are damaged by actual physical contact with Township equipment will be repaired at no expense to the homeowner only if they were properly located and installed. The mailbox owner is responsible for repair or replacement if the mailbox was damaged by the pressure of the plowed snow and there was no physical contact with the plow equipment. We request that residents contact the Coventry Road Department at 330-644-0785, ext. 3 for help determining if mailboxes are properly installed and located correctly on the roads edge.

Shoveling or plowing driveways: We advise residents that if they decide to clear driveways or sidewalks before snow plow trucks have reached their street to expect snow from the roadway to be pushed back into these areas. To limit this please move the snow in the direction of traffic. If you are facing the road from your residence or business move the snow to the right and not the left. This is most important in the last 6 to 8 feet from the roads edge. This will help to ensure you do not move the same snow twice. Please do not move snow into the road after trucks have passed. They will not return for some time, and you are creating a danger to the traveling public. It does not require any more energy to move snow in the proper direction.

Roadside objects: As dictated by the O.R.C. Sec. 5571.14 objects bounding Township roads may be declared a public nuisance. The Township cannot allow objects which will impede our ability to remove snow on or near the roads edge. Basketball hoops, landscape rocks and railroad ties are just some examples of things we frequently have problems with. We will always plow over to the mailboxes in

order to maintain uninterrupted postal service. Trucks must also plow snow off of the roads edge as far as possible so the frozen snow berm does not become a roadside hazard in itself. There must be sufficient space for snow and ice to melt off the roads surface without being trapped and refreezing, creating dangerous ice slicks.

We request that everyone please be courteous and obey our warning signs. A typical snow removal operator could pass hundreds of vehicles during his routes, where the traveling motorist would only pass 1 or 2 plow trucks.

Brenda Patterson seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Dave Bulgrin, yes, *Dave W. Bulgrin* ;
Mrs. Brenda Patterson, yes, *Brenda Patterson* ; and,
Mr. Tom Seese, yes, *Tom Seese* .

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2011.

Joanne Murgatroyd
Joanne Murgatroyd, Fiscal Officer