

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of January 9, 2020

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room.

Chairman Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. All Trustees were recorded present.

Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman; Fire Chief, John Dolensky; and Zoning Inspector, Bill Meyerhoff. Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer was absent due to illness.

Topics for Discussion:


1. Organizational Resolution – a correction to an inadvertent double entry in the Fire Department schedule was discussed. The Board discussed a proposal to have Brouse McDowell begin representing the Township versus Kastner, Westman & Wilkins. Hourly rates are virtually the same, so there wouldn't be the cost savings we were hoping for. The Board will keep that section of the Org. Resolution the same as it has been. Discussion over starting to give Irv some of the labor issues to handle at his rate.
2. Set up ODNR meeting – Dam project(s) – Discussion over the current dam projects. Anna Bryant will send an email to Josh Garretson and Mike Studeny to set up a meeting in February with the new Board to go over project status and further discussions regarding a use agreement of the E. Reservoir Dam property.
3. Annual election of Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund (motion on regular agenda) – Chief Dolensky explained that each year two Board members are nominated to serve on this Board that would only meet if a firefighters dies while on duty. The Board is then in charge of dispersing funds to the surviving family members. We certainly hope to never have to meet under those circumstances.
4. 2019 Audit – Lori Seeman explained that she would like to have an audit scheduled to go over 2019. She began part of the way into the year when she was appointed, and wants to make sure everything is set up correctly going forward. Brief discussion was held over budget reports given to the Board.
5. SAHARA area water lines – George Beckham explained that he will be working with Lael Stouffer to come up with a map of the community wells and private water lines in the Shore Acres neighborhood and surrounding area. Edward Diebold stated that he has a list of about 14 names given to him for the one well that he will forward over. Brief discussion was held over the feasibility of extending the Akron water line to that area.
6. OTA Conference – Bill Meyerhoff, Jeff Houck, Anna Bryant and Lori Seeman will be attending the conference from February 5th -7th. Anna Bryant will register everyone and reserve hotel rooms.
7. BZA and Zoning Commission Updates – discussion held over having a joint meeting of the BZA and Zoning Commission to discuss changes to the text for short term rentals. Bill Meyerhoff advised that it will follow the next BZA meeting on February 4th. He will ask that Irv be there for legal guidance. He stated they will also discuss the noise ordinance and any other items that the Board feels may need revisited in the Code. Edward Diebold stated he will not attend, feeling that the Zoning Boards should act without Trustee influence, but if either of the other members wants to attend they may feel free to do so. Discussion over the list of requirements Holly Miller is asking be made a part of the STR application. Discussion was also held over the County Noise Ordinance and how it pertains to conditional use for outside dining. Everyone felt that they could be given to applicants as a check-list in addition to the current application to avoid cases being tabled for the time-being. Discussion was held over a pending lot split. Bill Meyerhoff explained his position stating the applicant has not turned in complete information and that the minimum lot size is not met. George Beckham voiced his opinion. Bill Meyerhoff will follow up with Irv Sugerman next week and stated he will sign with an addendum if that is what the Board wishes for him to do.

8. Approval of December Minutes – Anna Bryant advised that she checked into having the new Board members approve the minutes from last month even though they were not at the meeting. Ordinarily members who are absent abstain, however since we have two new members, we need a second and a vote to pass them. Irv Sugerman has advised that based on a similar incident with the ADM Board, it is legal to pass the motion.


Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the General Workshop. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer