

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of March 12, 2020

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, March 12, 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; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Bill Meyerhoff;

Topics for Discussion:


1. Re-install Coventry Township Sign in front of Admin/Fire Building (status): Lael Stouffer explained that he will need to call someone to take a look at the best way to re-install the old sign. The old posts were cedar wrapped and in will need a carpenter.
2. Fire Department Staffing – Promotions: Chief Dolensky explained that Lt. Bob Stokes has retired, leaving a Lieutenant seat open. He will be promoting Rob Lawrence to that position, and filling the full-time firemedic spot with part-time firemedic, Dan Hymes.
3. South Summit Dispatch: Edward Diebold explained that he has attended meetings with Green, New Franklin, Clinton and Lakemore pertaining to the establishment of one dispatch center for all municipalities. Springfield has already backed out of the deal, going with SWSCOM. Brief discussion over options of contracting with New Franklin and Green. We will be essentially doing what we are now, and getting a great deal from Green.
4. P.L.A.C.: Anna Bryant advised the Board that Jeff Noble from PLAC stopped in to the office this afternoon to discuss the appointment to the vacant seat left by Lynn. He said he was not aware that we would be filling it so quickly and that Sean Freeman and Bob Saffian were also interested. He was wondering if we would postpone the appointment and possibly re-advertise so they could also be considered. George Beckham stated he feels we have three good, qualified candidates to choose from and that we shouldn't re-advertise. He is ready to make a recommendation tonight. Jeff Houck and Edward Diebold were in agreement. The three candidates were discussed briefly and a motion will be voted on at the regular meeting. Discussion was also held over the P.L.A.C. Minutes regarding the "application" in the amount of \$600,000 for improvements to the area east of the Clock Tower. Anna Bryant advised that she did send out the letter requesting a representative attend at least one meeting a quarter to improve communication between the Boards.
5. Board of Health Representative – request from Donna Skoda: A Board of Health member from Coventry recently resigned due to health issues – looking for a recommended resident to sit as a representative - the board meets the second Thursday of each month from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm. Anna Bryant will advertise for a representative with a deadline set for one week prior to the April meeting.
6. PLD – Clock Tower District/Pick's – business owner called with concerns over pedestrian traffic – what can be done to make through traffic more aware of pedestrians crossing PLD (flashing lights/ signs...etc.?) Brief discussion was held over this ongoing issue. Anna Bryant will email Dave Koontz to see if there is anything new that the Engineer would consider in that area to increase safety.
7. Mailing address complaint(s) – Response to Pam Wayland: Jeff Houck explained that he spoke to USPS and basically the process cannot be undone. It took over a year to make the change, and they will not consider changing it all back to Akron at this point.
8. Zoning updates:
 - a. Short Term Rentals (status): Bill Meyerhoff explained that he is identifying additional properties and contacting non-compliant owners. He has a current list of approvals, letters sent, etc.
 - b. Nuisance abatements – Property Maintenance actions
 - i. Commercial use in Residential: Bill Meyerhoff stated that there are some cases with questions regarding commercial use in a residential area. George Beckham advised him to turn them over to Irv if they are non-compliant.

- c. Apple Drive – Dodd (Status): Bill Meyerhoff explained that he is waiting for the mylar to come back so he can sign it.
- d. Township Property Inventory: Bill Meyerhoff discussed getting a listing together of the Township owned properties. George Beckham stated that he has already done this and will get with Bill to show him where it is. Lael Stouffer stated that he is still looking for an area to dump spoils, which is how this topic was initially brought up between himself and Bill.
- e. JEDD and Zoning Districts: Brief discussion over existing JEDD districts.
- f. Tuscarawas River floodplain/ Long Lake: Solid waste pollution: Discussion over Long Lake and the need to address pollution due to recent 100 year rain events. This should be a part of our storm water management plan and he would like to see some clean-up efforts.
- g. Bike path, Greenways –Greentrails resurrection: Brief discussion over the existing plan for connector trails. Money is needed to complete anything and will need to work in conjunction with the MetroParks.
- h. Request to move to Full-time (schedule future executive session): Bill Meyerhoff expressed his willingness to move to full-time in the near future. He would like to schedule an executive session if the Board is interested in that.


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 6:29 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer