

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of May 14, 2020

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in an online, public forum via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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, Mike Harrison;

Topics for Discussion:


1. Budget – Discussion was held over concerns of decreased funding projections from COVID-19. Lori Seeman explained that the State Auditor’s office is projecting a 20% reduction. The Township’s budget is due in July for 2021. Chief Dolensky discussed part-time staffing and explained that he will not be applying for the SAFER Grant due to the matching fund requirements. He is still planning on hiring part-time fill.
2. Road Spoils – Discussion held over the response from the Cottage Grove neighborhood to the Trustees decision to use the remaining ball field for road spoils. Edward Diebold explained that he has found a temporary solution at the State Park. Options of using property at the JEDD Park on Logan Parkway, and other options were discussed.
3. Avaya – Anna Bryant advised the Board that our current phone/voicemail system lease is up. She and Kelly Corbin have been working on the renewal contract and upgrade. The cost for the new system will be about the same as what we are currently paying at \$340 a month.
4. Parks – Discussion was held over improvements that can be made during the COVID-19 closure. Logan field house improvements and needed repairs were discussed along with the option of tearing it down and rebuilding. George Beckham stated he would contact architect Mark Ferguson, who the Township has worked with previously to give us an idea of cost and what our best option is.
5. No Parking Resolution – Anna Bryant advised the Board that the Engineer’s office recommended changing some wording to the previously approved Resolution. There will be another motion on the regular agenda. They will be able to install the signs and posts, but we will have to purchase them at a cost of around \$1,000. They advised that we could also contact ODNR to see about the possibility of posting the signs on the wooden bollards. Lael Stouffer voiced concerns over if they would be enforceable by the Sheriff if they were on the bollards, also if they would be visible enough. It was agreed that the traditional sign posts in the County right-of-way would be the best option.
6. COVID-19 Stimulus – Lori Seeman advised that we have received money from the stimulus and asked the Chief if we have enough expenses to warrant the others that they are applying for. As of now, we do not. She asked him to check with his Lieutenants to verify.
7. Jolson - A resident had contacted the Board about excessive speeding on Jolson Avenue. A request to have the Sheriff’s Office speed sign posted was discussed versus installation of a solar detector. Brief discussion was held over solar detectors in the area.

8. Paving project – Lael Stouffer advised that he attended the pre-construction meeting and the contractor is looking at July for our roads. He stated that is a good timeline and will allow him to get the drainage work completed.

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 6:33 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer