

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

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, July 9, 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. HRA – Wellness Deadline: Discussion was held over an extension or waiver of the physical deadline of September 1, 2020 for employees and spouses. The Board members each felt that a waiver shouldn't be necessary and that a 30 day extension should give everyone plenty of time. Anna Bryant advised that there are two motion options on the regular agenda and they can amend the one to the date they choose.
2. Birdland/Onaway Fire Lane: George Beckham explained that he received an email which he forwarded on to everyone from an unnamed resident regarding the new retaining wall built on a Township fire lane. He explained that he has spoken to the neighbors on either side and they will be coming in to start the vacation process. The person who sent the email will have an opportunity to object to the vacation and show that they have a right to access there with their deed. The vacation procedure was briefly discussed. This property did come up several years ago and Tom Seese stated he would oppose it, so the neighbors did not pursue it at that time.
3. No Parking Request – Mong alleyway: Anna Bryant discussed a concern from a resident over a neighbor parking in the alleyway that runs between Mong and Birdland. Concern is over emergency vehicles not being able to get through because of parked cars – it is difficult to navigate the end of the peninsula. John Dolensky stated that he's gone out to that location and agrees it should be a no parking fire lane. Anna Bryant state that she will contact Irv to find out what we need to do in order to establish it.
4. Rhine Ave property – request to purchase by resident: Discussion over the request from a resident to purchase a portion of lakefront property at the end of W. Rhine Avenue owned by the Township. Discussion over the possibility of a community well existing there as well as a discrepancy in the name of the property owner according to Summit County and the name the attorney is representing in his letter. The Board members each stated they are not interested in selling the property and asked Anna Bryant to have Township counsel send a letter in response.
5. Zoning Fee Revision/waiver: Anna Bryant explained that in our recent audit it was discovered that former zoning inspector, Bill Meyerhoff implemented a "\$100 minimum" for zoning permits, but that he did not charge accordingly. She advised that there are motions on the agenda to remove the \$100 minimum, which is too high of a charge for most permits. There is also a motion to waive the \$100 minimum for any permits that were issued after the fee schedule went into effect in January of 2019.
6. Road Spoils: Lael Stouffer explained that he's had no luck in finding an area for spoils. He has contacted several excavating companies as an alternative, and so far Butcher and Sons has gotten back to him with a cost of \$5,500 to haul away spoils from our yard. He is hoping to hear back from Gangle as well. Edward Diebold stated that regardless of price, it is well worth it for someone else to haul it away so our crew can keep working. Lael Stouffer explained that in the next few weeks we will have a lot more material so that number could change. He will need to talk to Irv to check on any legal issues and any bidding requirements but he's hopeful that this is the answer. He should have something for the August meeting.
7. Boston Ave./Grupe – One Way (follow-up): Lael Stouffer explained that he's reviewed the file and spoke to Tim Boley with the Engineer's Office about issues and resident's complaints. He will be having an onsite meeting with the Engineer's Office and Irv to talk about options and any liability issues that may arise because of them. We instituted the 1-way for a safer intersection and the County agreed with that. It doesn't mean that it has to

stay that way. There was further discussion over liability scenarios and the reasons residents are requesting the change.

8. Clock Tower area:
 - a. Sidewalks & Rock area weed removal (Enviroscape's quote): Lael Stouffer discussed the quote he received from Enviroscape's to clean up the weeds on the sidewalks as well as the rock area between the clock tower and the bridge in the amount of \$2,151. There will be a motion on the regular agenda for approval.
 - b. Water for flowers: Anna Bryant discussed an issue with watering the daylilies around the clock tower. The flower lady doesn't like having to climb up to plug in for water. Discussion over options of making an outlet easier to reach, have a pump/water source installed. Also, discussion over watering at the Admin/Fire Department was discussed. Chief Dolensky will get a plumber to get a quote on bypassing the water softener for use on the flowers.
9. SAFER Grant/F.D. Full-time staffing: Chief Dolensky explained that this will be different than previous SAFER grants because it will be for three full-time positions versus part-time fill. We have a good chance of getting the grant which would give us one guy for each shift, meeting our minimum staffing requirement for three years. Discussion over funding and what happens at the end of the three years when the grant runs out.
10. Contract negotiations – IAFF & Sheriff Policing – set up special meeting: Anna Bryant stated that she would contact Brad Whitfield at the Sheriff's Office to open up discussions about the policing contract. Chief Dolensky stated that he wanted to meet with Lori Seeman before getting together with the Board, he would then like to schedule an executive session.
11. Parks:
 - a. Cottage Grove Ballfield/ Nature walk – Davey Tree follow-up: George Beckham stated that he will discuss this as part of his report in the regular meeting.
 - b. Logan Fieldhouse – follow-up: Edward Diebold explained he has had conversations with several people and they are getting together a list of needs for the fieldhouse. Discussion over setting up a meeting with the architect.
12. Dam area – Rock placement/Road Department help: George Beckham explained that there is an access issue with the boulder we have that is going to be placed on the Dam for the kiosk. He stated that Lael will take the grad-all over to create a drive for the towing company to go in and get the rock. The Road Department crew will also be on site to assist in settling the rock. George Beckham state he just wanted to let everyone know, because this will tie up the road crew for a day or so.
13. Daisy Avenue – Weed Issue: Jeff Houck stated he got a call on a weed issue at a property on Daisy Avenue. Mike Harrison stated he would take a look, it may need a second mow.
14. Dive Trailer Grant: Chief Dolensky explained that the trailer has been purchased and is in the lot – they will be working on getting it equipped over the next few weeks.
15. Lakeview School Building: Chief Dolensky met with Timothy Ames who wants to buy the old Lakeview School building to turn into luxury apartments. It would require a sprinkler system and unfortunately there is no city water there. Discussion over the nearest line, there unfortunately is nothing within 1,500 feet. The Board will need to discuss the option of an extension with Akron through the JEDD.
16. Engineer's Report: George Beckham brought to everyone's attention that Dave Koontz's report mentions that the construction on the sewer extension will begin on August 13th. He wanted to check with Irv, because he doesn't think it's got the thumbs up yet.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the general workshop. George Beckham 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 6:36 p.m.

Edward D. Dredd
Chairman

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