

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of September 10, 2020

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, September 10, 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. Fire Lane(s) – Title company findings:
 - a. Birdland/Onaway (petition received) - discussion over the signatures on the petition. George Beckham voiced concern that there were not enough non-waterfront homeowners represented. He asked Anna Bryant to send a letter requesting more signatures.
 - b. Birdland – petition requested 8/12 (3632 Birdland) – Anna Bryant discussed Mr. Moore’s request and will send a petition to him requesting a majority of non-waterfront homeowners signatures.
 - c. Alma Ave. – Anna Bryant advised that this is still under review by the Township attorney.
2. CARES Act Grant Funding (updates): Lori Seeman reported on the money she has already received. She forwarded an email from the county that explains the distribution of HB 481, County Payroll Funds, Governors Controlling Board and potential funds from SB 357. She explained the reporting requirements and how the funds would be applied to the Fire Department’s payroll from this past March to current.
3. Levy Campaign – Quill deadline (Oct. 2nd): Anna Bryant requested that the Board and Department heads send her any relevant information they would like to see included in the newsletter. She has the front and back completed, but will need some more content for the inside.
4. Boston Ave./Grupe – One Way (follow-up/status): Lael Stouffer explained the email he had forwarded to the Board from Tim Boley at the Engineer’s Office. Mr. Boley recommended leaving the traffic pattern and widening the roadway where the issues exist. The Township would need to buy that easement. Lael stated he could set up an on-site meeting with COSE. Brief discussion was held over 3-way STOP parameters.
5. Contract negotiations – IAFF & Sheriff Policing
 - a. Executive Session for IAFF & Policing Contract at the end of the regular meeting.
6. Public Comment Policy: Brief discussion over enforcement of the public comment policy and time limit of 5 minutes per person.
7. East Reservoir Dam Property: mowing proposals were discussed briefly.
8. Ditching: Lael Stouffer discussed a new issue that has arisen with the Health Department instructing residents to discharge their septic systems into Township storm drains and open ditches. This leaves us with standing water that would otherwise be dry. This is a new problem that is coming up more frequently as

people have to get new systems installed. He is contacting the health department to try to see what kind of solution they can come up with.

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 6:30 p.m.

Edward D. Diebold
Chairman

Lori Seeman
Fiscal Officer