

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of October 8, 2020**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, October 8, 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; Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison; and Deputy Fire Chief Adam Rockich.

**Topics for Discussion:**

1. Well/water issues: Deputy Chief Rockich explained that there is a leak coming from the well that services the old road garage and the FD/Admin building. He explained the issues with the existing well and laid out some possible solutions. The current well is not to code and would cost a considerable amount of money to fix and bring to code. The option of drilling a new well was discussed. Deputy Chief Rockich stated that he would spearhead the project and contact Fowler for an estimate and to discuss alternative options.
2. Fire Department Equipment – Auction: Adam Rockich explained that he looked into both KIKO and Edinburg Auction sales to sell the old Ford F450 Dump Truck and the 2005 Crown Victoria. Edinburg had better rates and the auction will be online October 31<sup>st</sup>. If the Board approves disposal of these items at the regular meeting he will take them out in the morning so they can get pictures up on the auction site. Anna Bryant advised that she will also place links on our Facebook page and website.
3. SAFER – hiring status: The Board asked Adam if anyone had been hired for SAFER positions yet. He said that he was advised by Chief Dolensky that any hiring would be on hold until after contract negotiations. Hiring deadline for the grant is February 2, 2021.
4. Fire Lane(s) – Title company findings: Anna Bryant explained that revised petitions have been sent out to the Hinton's for the Onaway request as well as to Mr. Moore on Birdland. The title company did not find any deeds in their search that declare access for non-waterfront homeowners. The Alma Avenue dispute is still under review by Irv. Brief discussion over the letter sent by Mr. Kutuchief as Ms. Shepherd's representative.
5. CARES Act Grant Funding (updates): Lori Seeman explained that she attended the webinar put on by the Attorney General's Office which finally confirmed use of funds for payroll. Also, the deadline of November 20<sup>th</sup> for encumbrance was discussed. Because payroll can't really be encumbered, we need to do a Resolution declaring those funds will be used for payroll purposes. That motion is on the agenda. The County has just sent legislation that will allow 100% use of their funds instead of the 15% or 25% cap that they had previously. This will make things much easier as far as reporting. She also explained that she received an opinion from Tom Green on use for payroll as well.
6. Cottage Grove Park – Fencing repair/extension: Edward Diebold discussed quotes received from ACME Fencing and Sentry Fence. He explained that ACME's proposal is not complete. They are missing some of the components that were requested. Brief discussion was held over the two quotes. Edward Diebold stated that we may also receive a donation from the Portage Lakes Ducks toward this project. George Beckham stated that the Road Department will also do some work at Cottage Grove to clean up some things and we are looking at having a parking lot light installed

there as well. Discussion was held over getting a dumpster from Republic over there. Concerns about dumping and vandalism were discussed.

7. Summit Soil & Water – new Tuscarawas Watershed Program: George Beckham explained that NEFCO held a Zoom meeting presenting the Portage Lakes Management Plan. They are expanding their program to focus on the Portage Lakes. He wanted to bring it up because Summit Soil and Water may come to us to request some support.
8. Pickleball (Community Center): George Beckham advised that resident, Ron Meredith approached him about setting up a pickleball court at the Community Center tennis court. Those courts are in pretty bad shape as it is, so they've taped lines down and are using it that way. Discussion over pickleball and the possibility of also having those lines painted on the Lockwood courts. Brief discussion over resurfacing the courts.
9. Quill – (motion to approve printing/ mailing cost): Anna Bryant explained that the Quill is ready to go. She has a motion on the agenda to approve the production costs. The postage is a separate charge that needs to go prior to printing. She explained that she will also have ads in the newspapers and on Facebook for Issue 34.
10. Zoning – Short Term Rentals: George Beckham stated that STR is in the code, so we have to enforce it. Mike has sent out letters and will be following up on those.
11. Boston Avenue 1-way: George Beckham stated that the email from the Engineer's Office is recommending we leave it how it is, but we are waiting on official word.

**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