

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of January 14, 2021

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in an online, public forum via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Chairman Jeff Houck 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 Fire Chief, John Dolensky; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison. Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman was out of town.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Summit County Service Department Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement: Lael Stouffer stated that he has taken a look at the agreement sent by Irv and would like to discuss it with other service directors in our area. He's not sure how many of them have seen it at this point. Discussion over the agreement, equipment use and the Board they are proposing to set up. Lael Stouffer asked the Board to hold off on making any decisions until he has a chance to get more information.
2. 2021 Road Resurfacing Project: Lael Stouffer advised that he has sent the scope of work in to the Engineer's office and is waiting on numbers. How the numbers come back will determine if he is able to add a few more roads. He will include the Admin/Fire/Town Hall parking lot as an alternate and will also get some bids from private contractors to compare. That cost will be separate and will need to come out of the General Fund.
3. Road Equipment: Lael Stouffer advised the Board that during the snow storms that hit Christmas day, they had three trucks that went down. The age of his trucks is a problem in heavy storms when the trucks have to run for 12 hours. Everything is fixed now, but the fleet is getting old and he wants to start slowly replacing vehicles. He stated that he has to keep up and it would be unwise to wait. He explained that while he usually tries to focus his funds toward road resurfacing, we need these vehicles to provide service. Anna Bryant asked him to put together a 5-year capital improvement plan and so we can work on it, and have an idea of what is needed going into Permanent Appropriations.
4. CDBG Grants - HVAC at Community Center: George Beckham reported that the ductwork looks good at the Community Center, so that was good news. He is waiting on an updated estimate from the K Company for heating and AC. The basement unit is separate and is heating ok. Once he has an estimate we can submit the CDBG Grant to the County.
5. Portage Lakes Advisory Council: Discussion over whether they are holding open meetings, or not. Anna Bryant advised that she would take a look at their website and will send a link & calendar invite out if there is one.
 - a. Possible 5k Race – April 3rd : George Beckham advised that he's had a very preliminary discussion with Sean Freeman about having the PLAC annual 5k race in Coventry. Due to COVID the State Park is not allowing the event. George Beckham explained that he advised him to contact the Health Department about requirements, and also suggested he check with the City of Green to see if one of their parks might be a better location that wouldn't require road closures and County approval. We may hear more about this in the near future.
6. Land Bank Update: George Beckham explained that the deadline to use funds from the Land Bank has been extended, so we will be able to utilize it. It is a 50/50 match so that will help us demo some of the houses on Mike's list. Discussion over the side-lot program and the property on N. Turkeyfoot. He explained that we should take title of the property soon and can then see if anything can be done with it.
7. Shore Acres Water Lines: George Beckham stated that aside from our initial list, other neighbors have not been forthcoming about whether they are on a private or community

water line. COVID has affected his communications with the City of Akron, as they have not gotten back to him with requested information. He stated that technically, these community lines are not legal and residents don't want to pay the money to upgrade.

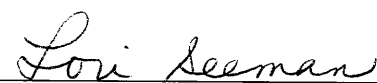
8. Short Term Rentals – Text Change: Brief discussion over the motion on the regular agenda which will change the permit from a conditional use to an administrative function.
9. Public Hearing – Rezoning Request on Manchester Road: Mike Harrison explained that Mr. Gotto who owns ANR Electric had his initial hearing in September to request rezoning. That was sent to Summit County Planning, and then came back to the Zoning Commission. Both have recommended approval. The final step will be approval from the Board at the Regular meeting. He stated that there has not been any opposition from neighbors, and he does not expect anyone to attend the hearing to speak against it this evening.
10. Parks Improvements: Anna Bryant advised the Board that there is currently \$15,000 appropriated for parks in the temporary improvements. That is all the money we have available until April.
 - a. Logan Field House project: – Edward Diebold met with architects and baseball regarding renovations and an addition to the existing building. We have a quote to get us started on plans so approval for that cost is on the agenda. Anna Bryant stated she made the motion for a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 due to the quote for \$6,500 plus additional expenses for prints, etc.
 - b. Cottage Grove – additional fencing: Edward Diebold explained that we need to box in right-field. We have ATV's going in there tearing up the field and nature area. He will advise when he gets a quote but will suggest a not to exceed amount of \$5,000. Anna Bryant advised that this will use all of the appropriated funds until April. Brief discussion over other parks expenses and the amount of the quote.
11. Water Lines – Well Project: Lael Stouffer explained that he has spoken to Donamarc and was unclear on the original scope of work which is why he didn't think the Road Department could assist. After some clarification on the project, they will be able to dig the water lines and back-fill after the pipes are placed. He is planning to dig next week depending on weather and if they are needed to salt/plow.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Jeff Houck 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 6:39 p.m.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer