

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of August 12, 2021

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coventry Town Hall, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Call to Order:

Vice-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, (absent). Two Trustees were recorded present. Jeff Houck – excused/on vacation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes

210812-01 Edward Diebold made a motion to table the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Workshop of June 10, 2021 and the Special Meeting of June 16, 2021. Trustee Beckham was absent for that meeting. The minutes will be approved at the September meeting. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

New Business:

Pickleball Presentation

Mr. Keith from the U.S. Pickleball Association gave a brief presentation about pickleball which is a great sport for seniors. A group of residents were in attendance to request that the Township retrofit existing tennis courts to pickleball courts. George Beckham explained he is looking into the feasibility with the Willowview tennis courts.

Opioid Settlement – OneOhio Participant MOU

210812-02 Edward Diebold made a motion to adopt a Resolution accepting the material terms of the OneOhio Subdivision Participant Settlement pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding, consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement, and declaring an emergency. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

George Beckham explained that Attorney Sugerman has been handling this class action lawsuit, so this motion was per his advisement.

Reports by Department Heads

Dave Koontz, Summit County Engineer Representative reported on Engineer activity in the Township which included the research of a parking issue on Willowedge, MS4 questions and answers, paving project delay and completed projects. George Beckham asked a question about red lights. Dave Koontz advised those would fall under ODOT’s jurisdiction.

John Dolensky, Fire Chief reported 1,334 alarms to date. There were 233 alarms in July which puts us up 100 calls over last year. He requested the following motions:

Training and Equipment Grant Acceptance

The grant award is \$2632.78 and there are no matching funds required from Coventry Fire Department. These funds are made available to eligible EMS agencies in Ohio for purchasing from an approved list of training and EMS equipment.

210812-03 Edward Diebold made a motion to accept the 2021-2022 Training and Equipment Grant administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$2,632.78. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

EMS Supplies

210812-04 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve EMS supply money for fire department purchases made in the second half of the year, not to exceed the amount of \$5000.00 from 2281-230-420. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Lael Stouffer, Road Superintendent (absent)

Mike Harrison, Zoning Inspector (absent)

Land Bank Grant - Amendment

George Beckham explained that condemning houses takes longer than it used to. The Land Bank is giving an extension to use our remaining \$10,000 of land bank grant funding for blighted vacant housing structures.

210812-05 Edward Diebold made a motion to execute an amendment to the Summit County Land Bank Community Development Grant agreement to extend until August, 2022. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Report by the Fiscal Officer:

Lori Seeman (absent)

- Period to date financial reports will be in the Board of Trustee mailboxes.

210812-06 Edward Diebold made a motion to receive all bills and salaries, warrant numbers 73135 to 73197 as certified by Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman, and subject to audit. (A listing of the warrants will be made a part of these minutes.) George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

ARP Funding

210812-07 Edward Diebold made a motion to accept ARP Funding and to name the Authorized Representative as Administrator, Anna Bryant and the Grant Contact as Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Reports by Trustees:

George Beckham reported that he and Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman watched the webinar on guidance for receiving the first round of the ARP money. We are set to receive \$1.1 million but there are only certain things it is eligible for, so we are researching our options. He announced a new grant opportunity with the ODOT Stimulus which can be used toward road projects. Grants are great for our township but we need staffing to do the paperwork and planning. We are working to get the money and use it. On August 2nd we met with Summit Soil and Water to discuss a Watershed Coordinator Position. He went on to say that he has met with Mr. Boyer at Pick's regarding bogus calls from residents that tie up our emergency services. He stated that as far as bar owner go, Mr. Boyer is at the top tier.

Edward Diebold reported that road resurfacing is ongoing in neighborhoods. The levy is paying off and he is hoping all roads and drainage systems are repaired over the next four years. He asked for everyone's support of the upcoming levies to continue progress. He stated that we are working on upgrading infrastructures in the parks. Logan will be next and we did a lot at Cottage Grove last year. He asked anyone with levy questions to please contact him via cell or email. The Christmas in July lighted parade and after-party was a fun event. He thanked Brooks Ames and Donnie Boyer.

Saturday, August 18th will be the fireworks at 9 p.m. He asked anyone willing to donate to please contact Dano.

Jeff Houck (on Vacation)

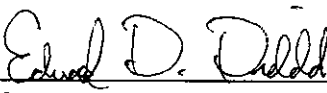
Public Comments:

- Pam Wayland – Edgepark Drive: asked if camping trailers were ok in yards? George Beckham explained that storage is ok as long as they have current plates. However, you are not allowed to live in a camping trailer on your property.

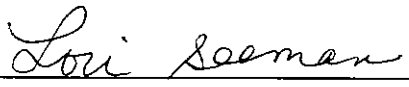
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Vice-Chairman



Fiscal Officer

