

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of February 10, 2022**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Hall, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Chairman George Beckham 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, David Gissing; Fire Chief, John Dolensky; Road Superintendent, and Lael Stouffer; Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison;

**Topics for Discussion:**

1. Surface Water District – community meeting (tentative Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm – zoom) – Anna Bryant stated that she would contact Heidi Swindell to confirm this is just informational and therefore not a special meeting. George Beckham stated this is proposed by the County and will be covered for the first five years by ARP funds. It would be a tax for residents.
2. Dam: Discussion was held over the updated drawings sent over by Jeff Noble reflecting changes. Dam Safety did come back and explain they don't want any parking over by the rock. Suggestions were made for a drop off zone near the rock for kayak launch and also moving the cross walk from Kiwanis Towers to serve the parking area across the street from the dam. Parking at the Oak Grove/Clock Tower area was discussed briefly.
3. ROW Acquisition – Boston/Angola/Grupe/Covelin: Anna Bryant advised the Board that Mrs. Fryer is wanting to sell her property and was wondering the status of the right of way acquisition. George Beckham stated that we will need to consult with Dave Koontz to see where this stands. As he recalls, the County was going to work on the maps/deeds.
4. Winter Storms/Road Salt: Lael Stouffer explained that Cargill has not been delivering salt per their contract and everyone received an email to advise of the situation at the end of last week. We did receive 1 truck load on Monday, but it wasn't our full order. He explained that the bottom line is we need more storage to stockpile through the year in order to avoid shortages. Most communities stockpile but we currently do not have the space. He expressed major concerns over the bin going empty when we need salt. We've been fortunate so far that it hasn't happened, but it was close this last time.
5. Healthcare Renewal – Medical Mutual: Anna Bryant explained that our premium is going up 4.88% this year. Last year it was only 2.76%, but that was extremely low. We are still grandfathered with this plan until the end of the year unless it is extended. Next year we may have to go out to the marketplace.
6. Republic Contract: Anna Bryant advised that Irv is doing a final review of the contract and asked us to hold off on approval for tonight. It can be done at a special meeting in the next week or so.
7. ARP Funds: Anna Bryant explained that there is a motion on the agenda to hire Atty. Beck from Baker Dublikar to serve as consult for our ARP funds. Dave Gissing stated that we can take the standard deduction and don't have to prove loss of revenue. That is what OTA recommended. Discussion was held over areas to spend funds. We will need a resolution advising where the money is going. Since we are receiving over \$750,000 we will have to have a single audit and we will also have to follow Federal Procurement Regulations. Dave Gissing will look into whether there is a deadline for the Resolution we need to pass.
8. TAC – George Beckham advised that he will be attending a March 3<sup>rd</sup> Zoom meeting for the Portage Lakes TAC put on by Maia Peck dealing with stormwater and the lakes.
9. Run to the Clock Tower 5k Race: George Beckham advised that this was finally approved by the County, so the race will take place on Portage Lakes Drive.

10. Game Room – Mike Harrison advised that he has been looking into an illegal gaming operation that has moved into D’Angelo’s former location on S. Main Street. He is working with Irv and will advise the Board accordingly.

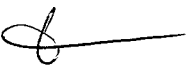
11. Rezone Request – TJ Hollin is wanting assistance in revising his plan for his property. Brief discussion over the request.

**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 6:29 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer