

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of February 11, 2021**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, February 11, 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 and Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison. Lori Seeman was on vacation and Lael Stouffer was excused due to weather the night before.

**Topics for Discussion:**

1. Permanent Appropriations – brief discussion was held over having an in-person meeting at the Town Hall for the Board and Department heads. An appropriations workshop was scheduled for February 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
2. Summit County Service Department Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement – Lael will continue to look into this and we will check with Irv to see what other municipalities are doing.
3. IAFF Contract – John Dolensky stated that this is good to go. There were no other changes made so it is ready for approval at the regular meeting.
  - a. Non-Contracted employee wages/health insurance – historically the non-contracted employees have received increases as well. A motion is on the agenda.
4. HVAC Improvements- George Beckham explained that he's received a quote from Good Built Construction for two sets of drop-down stairs to access the Admin and Town Hall HVAC systems from inside the building. He also explained that we need to replace the HVAC units at the Community Center. Both of these projects will be turned in for possible reimbursement through County CDBG funding.
5. Public Hearing – 604 Pear – brief discussion was held over the current condition of the property. Anna Bryant will check with Lori Seeman to see if there is a fire loss fund set up for this address. Discussion over the wording of the motion on the agenda. Irv advised that in the event that the Board wishes to table the motion it should be stated in the motion for how long and under what conditions.
6. 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Request – Township resident, Paul Hasel has requested we declare the Township as Second Amendment Sanctuary. Jeff Houck stated that he doesn't believe we have this authority and we are already sworn to uphold the Constitution.
7. Medical Mutual Renewal – Anna Bryant explained that the original estimate for the increase came in at 7.74%, however Burnham and Flowers was able to negotiate it down to 2.82% which is great news. Last year's renewal was 5.86% which was low at the time.
8. Parks Improvements – discussion over the fieldhouse improvements at Logan. Edward Diebold has met with 4 Points to do some initial sketches. He has a meeting with them next week to go over some ideas. Brief discussion over landscaping at the clock tower.
9. Fire Department SAFER Hiring - John Dolensky advised that two of his guys are leaving to go to Green. He'll be looking to fill the remaining SAFER positions in the next few weeks.
10. Thermostats – Town Hall and Community Center – discussion over the controls in the Town Hall and Community Center for heating and cooling. Suggestion of Bluetooth controlled units.
11. ODNR Portage Lakes Meeting – George Beckham stated that he watched the meeting put on by ODNR. He stated that the dredge will be here for 5 years and that most of the meeting was focused on their shoreline maintenance plan. Changes to dock permits were also discussed and there will be no subletting of residential docks from now on.

12. Short-Term Rentals – George Beckham stated that he has sent the zoning commission a paper outlining the whole situation and summing up what the problems are and why we are requesting a change to the code.

**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 6:14 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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