

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Special Meeting of June 16, 2021**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees will meet in special session Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Coventry Town Hall to discuss upcoming levies, drainage culvert repair, parks improvements, broadband expansion and to go into Executive Session to discuss pending and/or potential litigation and property acquisition.

**Call to Order:**

Jeff Houck will call the meeting to order and ask Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. All Trustees were recorded present.

**Logan Fieldhouse**

Mark Ferguson and Jim Presutto from Points Architects explained the proposed phases of the Logan Fieldhouse reconstruction. Renderings/Drawings will be needed to move the project forward at this stage and then we can look at fundraising efforts and hope that materials costs start to go back to normal. Discussion over utilities and cost to tap into Akron water.

210616-01 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve the proposal dated 6/15/21 for drawings and renderings for the Logan Fieldhouse by Four Points Architectural Services in the amount of \$32,000.00. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Levies**

Anna Bryant advised that she is waiting on numbers we requested to come back from the County. As soon as she has them she will forward for review. A decision about what to place on the ballot will be needed at the July meeting. Lael Stouffer voiced his opinion on the road levy numbers regarding any replacement or increase of his levy.

**Killian/Bender Culvert Project**

Lael Stouffer explained that he just came from a meeting on site with Bertolini Construction for the replacement of the culvert pipe at Bender and Killian. This project is complicated by the fact that there are multiple utilities. Lael Stouffer explained that the road department may purchase the materials in order to get them at cost to save some money. The County will be doing a hydraulic study in hopes we can replace the 24" pipe with 18". George Beckham stated that he doesn't understand why this is our project. The property owner should have to take care of this if the pipe fails. Lael Stouffer explained concerns he has of letting this go, knowing that it will fail with the change in property use on this site. He will advise the Board of the estimate when it comes in and a decision can be made at the July meeting.

**Resolution Opposing Broadband Restriction**

210616-02 George Beckham made a motion to approve a Resolution opposing provisions of the Ohio Senate Omnibus Budget Amendment which would effectively prohibit in the State of Ohio the new construction of public-owned broadband networks, and the ongoing provision of broadband services provided by public-owned networks such as Fairlawn Gig and Hudson's Velocity Broadband, thereby harming the ability for Ohio's residents and businesses to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century digital economy, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Executive Session**

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending and/or potential litigation and property acquisition. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned to executive session at 10:05 a.m.

Convened executive session at 10:10 a.m.

**Discussion:**

**Motion to adjourn executive session:**

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn executive session. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned executive session at 10:51 a.m.

Reconvened regular session at 10:52 a.m.

**Discussion/Motions pertaining to Executive Session**

The Board directed Administrator, Anna Bryant to send a letter on their behalf to Summit County Council making no recommendation regarding the petition received requesting vacation of the property at Onaway Street and Birdland Avenue.

**Request to Vacate – Onaway/Birdland**


210616-03 Edward Diebold made a motion to send the petition received by Mr. Hinton to vacate a portion of Onaway Street to Summit County Council with no recommendation from the Board of Trustees. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:**

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Edward Diebold 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 10:53 a.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Fiscal Officer