

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of May 13, 2021

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, May 13, 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 Seeman was excused/ out of town.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Levies – request yield from County F.O.: Anna Bryant explained the levy process to the Board beginning with our requests for yield on each levy. She discussed the difference between a Replacement and a Renewal and how it affects the Homestead Rollbacks as follows:
 - a. Road Levy – Renewal or Replacement (*doesn't get Homestead Rollback*)
 - b. Police Levy – Replacement & Increase vs. Renewal & Increase (*partial Homestead Rollback on renewal*)
 - c. Fire Levy – Replacement & Increase vs. Renewal & Increase (*partial Homestead Rollback on renewal*)

Discussion was held on the amount of revenue needed for each levy. A motion requesting a renewal and increase of 1 mill as well as a motion requesting a replacement and increase of 1 mill will be requested for each levy to give us some numbers to look at. A final decision and revised request can be done in June with our Ballot language and request to BOE for July.

2. Meetings – teleconference allowance ends 7/1/21 – discussion over returning to in-person meetings as soon as the mask mandate is lifted on June 2, 2021. The Regular Board of Trustees meeting on June 10th will be the first in-person meeting. Brief discussion over any health department regulations we may need to consider.
3. Portage Lakes Drive – Engineer's closure at N. Turkeyfoot
 - a. George Beckham, Anna Bryant, Lael Stouffer, John Dolensky and Adam Rockich will meet with COSE and the contractor at 1 p.m. Monday, May 17 to discuss the proposed 45-day closure to see if it can be shortened at all or allow emergency access for EMS.
4. Requests to vacate: Anna Bryant and George Beckham discussed their meeting with Mr. Whisman, Mr. Hinton and Attorney Sugerman regarding the Onaway, Birdland open way. Both residents were advised to seek counsel and obtain a property survey so we can see exactly how much of Mr. Hinton's driveway and retaining wall is on Township property.
5. STR Public Hearing – Anna Bryant advised that this will be first under new business and Mike Harrison explained that the only change to what County Council approved was the addition of a sign to notify neighbors of the short-term rental application.
6. Nuisance Properties
 - a. 604 Pear – Mike Harrison advised that Mr. Sebe is now the property owner and he has obtained permits. He's started cleaning up the yard and should be able to take care of the issues there. He was happy with the progress he's seen to this point considering the rainy weather we've had.

- b. 3279 Cope – Mike Harrison stated that Irv is ready to file a lawsuit on this property – basically he’s had three strikes and has to the end of the month but has only moved a few things. It’s time to change tactics to clean this up for the neighborhood. Jeff Houck stated he’s glad to hear this will be handled.
 - c. Chenoweth – Mike Harrison explained he has reached the property owner’s sister who is cleaning out the house and trying to take care of the junk vehicles. She’s working on obtaining the titles since her brother is in prison, so she can scrap them and get everything mowed.
- 7. IBH Property North of Killian - Edward Diebold explained that he’s been hearing rumors of long-term development of this property. George Beckham explained that it has been timbered a few times over the years and there are underground mines throughout the property. Developers have looked at it several times. Discussion went on to include trees that are marked as well as drainage issues and requests from property owners on Bender regarding the failing culvert system that runs along the IBH property and the back of their properties. Official contact with IBH should be made to see what might be going on as well as the JEDD Board to see if any development could be added to the District.
- 8. Killian/Bender Construction – Edward Diebold wondered if we should let neighboring residents know that this was build due to an error made by the previous zoning inspector and that there is nothing we can do at this point. Lael Stouffer voiced concerns over the garage doors opening toward Bender and the culvert system that runs along that property on Bender. It is an old pipe and will not sustain heavy equipment or concrete. We may need to have the engineer’s office get involved and have that system replaced. Lael and Mike Harrison agreed to set up a meeting with the property owner and the Engineer’s Office to discuss options.
- 9. W. Bellisle Follow-up – George Beckham explained that he met with Jeremy Kindel and Lael will be going over with the crew on Monday to take a look at what needs to be done.
- 10. Parks Improvements:
 - a. Logan Fieldhouse project – Edward Diebold explained that he is in a holding pattern on this project. Phase 1 came in over budget so the architect is revising some things. He is looking into what can be donated to help get our costs down. George Beckham stated we can look into whether CDBG can be used to cover some things as well.
 - b. Heat at Logan – Anna Bryant explained that the FD tagged it out due to CO leak. We’re not in a season where it will be needed, so she wasn’t sure if we should have it repaired. Edward Diebold advised that we hold off until we decide what is happening with the building.
 - c. E. Reservoir Dam area – will be setting up a meeting with ODNR/PLAC to finalize plan by the end of the month. Jeff Houck advised that it was a productive meeting and the lease and property are a go for us, the State is getting through their process which can take some time.
 - d. Parks Board or Volunteer Position – Anna Bryant advised that Tommy Parker is interested in helping manage the fields. Discussion over volunteer positions and Township liability as well as the organizations. The Board agreed to look into this further.
- 11. Road Department Update – Lael Stouffer advised that he is looking into the Admin/Town Hall Parking lot project and will be meeting with a contractor this week. We have \$100,000 appropriated so he will get estimates and need to request a BC. He will be placing an order through a bidding consortium for the John Deere loader. It’s coming in under budget and he will be meeting with Lori to verify what we have appropriated. He requested a special meeting to take care of these items since they’re not ready for tonight’s meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 9 a.m. via Zoom. He also advised that he has been having to stock-pile culvert pipe at the lower garage. There is a supply shortage, so he has purchased pipe ahead of schedule to make sure he has it when needed.

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 6:48 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer

