

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting of October 28, 2021

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in special session Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Coventry Town Hall to discuss a Clock Tower Lighting Event, Fire Department vehicle purchase, Republic Contract, changes to the Certificate of Estimated Resources, Fire Lanes and Township Right-of-Ways, ARP Funding, PLAC and the East Reservoir Dam property.

Call to Order:

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.

E. Reservoir Dam/PLAC

Jeff Houck explained that he has been receiving feedback about the dam and stated that we have secured a long-term lease from the State so the property is now under Township control. PLAC and Jeff Noble have come up with some preliminary plans. We are not wanting any over-development. We are looking at a gravel pathway and some benches. If we sign off on these drawings they will be taken to the State for review by dam safety. Vern Neugebauer and Mary Lou Ford voiced concerns over people congregating, parking and fishing on the property. There was concern over the fact that there has been no request for feedback from the neighbors. George Beckham explained the \$300,000 capital improvement funds we are receiving from the State as well as some background on PLAC and how Jeff Noble has been involved. Pat Albrecht stated that she feels it should just be left as green-space. We have enough other parks and amenities in the area. Further discussion was held over plans and it was reiterated that everything is very preliminary at this point. The Township will have meetings for resident input.

Clock Tower Lighting Event

Don Boyer from Pick's explained that he would like to work with the Township to have a Clock Tower and Christmas Tree lighting event on Sunday, December 5th from 4-7. He will provide the tree and will have his landscapers decorate the Clock Tower area. He is planning horse drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa, Elsa and Anna as well as a hot chocolate bar and snacks. He wanted to make sure the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office were involved. Traffic control and parking were discussed. The Township will use block money to hire 4 deputies for traffic control and security.

Republic - Township-Wide Trash Service Contract

211028-01 Jeff Houck made a motion to authorize the Coventry Township Board of Trustees to enter into a contract with Republic Services as competitively bid by the City of Green for refuse collection and disposal and curbside recycling and yard waste collection. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Department - Chase Vehicles

John Dolensky explained that these will replace vehicles that are 13-14 years old. They came in around \$38,000 each.

211028-02 Edward Diebold made a motion to authorize the fire chief to purchase two chase vehicles (SUV or pickup truck) not to be paid until delivery in 2021 or 2022 as determined by the fire chief in a total amount, not to exceed \$100,000.00 for two vehicles. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Budgetary – Updates to the Certificate of Estimated Resources

211028-03 Jeff Houck made a motion to reduce the Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fund 2902 in the amount of \$134,025.71. This money was for 2020 Ohio EMS Grant that was spent in 2020 but the funds were received in late December which put the money in 2021 Certificate. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Lori Seeman explained that due to an error when inputting a 2020 receipt the following funds will be adjusted in the UAN which will affect the Certificate of Estimated Resources:

211028-04 Edward Diebold made a motion to reduce the Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fund 2011 in the amount of \$17,792.00. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

211028-05 Jeff Houck made a motion to increase the Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fund 2021 in the amount of \$17,792.00. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

ARP Funding

George Beckham explained that there are a lot of strings attached to this funding so our Township attorney has recommended we hire a law firm that is specializing in researching the use of funds. Springfield and Akron have already hired the firm he is recommending.

Boston Ave. Right-of-Way

George Beckham stated that Dave Koontz mentioned the Right-of-Way acquisition for Boston and Angola. COSE needs to send maps so we can have Irv look into the land transfer.

Onaway-Birdland Fire Lane

George Beckham stated that he disagrees with the County's attorney on this. If we don't have jurisdiction, and they don't, then who does? He would like for there to be more research done on this. At this point, Hinton is using the property without paying any taxes on it.

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 10:40 a.m.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer