

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of June 9, 2022**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General workshop on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Chairman George Beckham 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.

Also in attendance were: Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger; Interim Fire Chief, Adam Rockich; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison; Lt. Brian Langenek; Lt. Brian Cyphert; and FireMedic Brian McClellan.

**Topics for Discussion:**

1. New Fire Chief: George Beckham thanked the fire chief applicants for coming to the meeting. He stated he is very happy and proud to have all on board. Jeff Houck stated he was very impressed with the talent we have and really feels that all are amazing. Edward Diebold stated he was happy we kept this in-house. It was a tough decision and it was his idea to have everyone here at the same time. He wants everyone to buy into the decision since all have seen both sides of the coin. He is hoping the four of them can work together to make this fire department what they want it to be. George Beckham announced that Adam Rockich is the Board's choice for the next Chief. All of you would make great Chiefs but we have seen Adam's work to hold things together for the last several years.
2. State of Ohio Retention & Resiliency Grant: Adam Rockich explained a grant opportunity to help keep staff. The grant will give a 9% bonus to employees who stay with the department for 18 months.
3. Fire Equipment Grant - Hose Washer: Adam Rockich explained that we have received \$10,000 from a grant to cover the cost of a new hose washer. This will replace the one we have that is 40 years old. The Township's cost will be \$3,500.
4. Fire Department - Vehicle Purchase: Adam Rockich explained that the red Silverado that was ordered last year has been canceled by Chevy. There is a red Tahoe available for \$6,000 more or a white Silverado is also available. He also mentioned that a Deputy Chief vehicle will be needed down the road at some point. They need that second command position to be able to respond. A brief discussion over Road trucks and availability was also held.
5. Fuel Costs/Issues: Adam Rockich explained that there is an issue with the probe/electrical system for our underground tank monitoring system from the previous installation. It will be \$3,000 to fix it. With the rising cost of fuel, we have almost hit our budget. Discussion over shortfalls in funding and assistance from the General Fund.
6. Land at Clocktower - Fencing/Gate: George Beckham explained that he did get some estimates and will request approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$30,000. That will provide wooden bollards and rope to match the other end of the dam.
7. Dam Rules - No Fishing/Dawn-Dusk: A brief discussion was held over signage to deter night time fishing from the dam. Anna Bryant and Edward Diebold stated that ODNR will not allow any 'no fishing' signs, but we can install signs to designate park hours as closed from dusk to dawn.
8. Lighting Code - Trustee hearing July Meeting: Mike Harrison explained that the Zoning Commission has been working to adopt a commercial lighting code based on Bath's code. They will meet on June 21<sup>st</sup> and then this will go before the trustees in July for final approval.

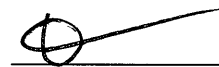
9. Summer Meeting Schedule: Discussion to reschedule the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting due to vacation schedules to the following Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.
10. T.J. Hollin Property – Manchester Rd: Jeff Houck explained that he wants to do something with this property but he needs some guidance. Mike Harrison stated that the problem is that he doesn't want to change his plan. He stated that we may need to modify the zoning code to define flex space.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:**

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the General Workshop. 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 6:50 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer