

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of May 12, 2022

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Call to Order:

Chairman George Beckham 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. George Beckham also introduced the Department Heads.

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Anna Bryant announced Waste Drop Off events – this Saturday, May 14th and next Saturday, May 21st at Cottage Grove Park from 9-3.

Approval of Minutes

220512-01 George Beckham made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Workshop of April 14, 2022, and special meetings of April 26, 2022 and May 11, 2022. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Public Hearing – Zoning Map Amendments

George Beckham explained that we have two requests for zoning map amendments. The Board of Trustees may adopt, modify, table, or disapprove the proposed map amendments. If approved, this text change becomes effective 30 days after action by the Board of Trustees. The Zoning Commission recommended disapproval, of both requests. Summit County Planning recommended approval of both requests.

Mike Harrison explained REQUEST 1: Jonathan Riley & Greg Myers, 2454 Country Club Dr., Uniontown, OH 44685-

Requesting a change in zoning classification for 2910 S Main St. (and adjacent parcel #1900518), Coventry Township, OH 44319. Located on the west side of S Main St., parcel#1900514 contains 4.22 acres of land and was previously used as a Lakeview School. Parcel #1900518 contains 1.33 acres of land and is adjacent to the former school, southwest of the intersection of S Main and E Long Lake Blvd. The request involves the re-zoning of property currently zoned both B-2 Limited/Local Business (approximately 270' west of S Main) and R-1 Residential to C/I Commercial-Industrial. The proposed use of the property is indoor climate-controlled storage. The Board of Trustees will consider recommendations made by Coventry Zoning Commission and Summit County Planning Commission.

Mr. Riley and Mr. Myers explained their plan for the building which will be indoor storage. The split zoning makes financing difficult – banks do not want to lend. They will keep the baseball field in the rear of the property and allow use by Township teams. A lease agreement with the Township and lot split options were discussed.

220512-02 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve the request to re-zone 2910 S. Main Street and adjacent parcel, parcel numbers 1900514 and 1900518 B-2 Limited/Local Business and R-1 Residential to C/I Commercial-Industrial with the addition of a lease agreement for the rear of the property for use of the ballfields by the Township. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Harrison explained REQUEST 2: Steven Morris, 4315 W 196th St., Fairview Park, OH 44126- Requesting a change in zoning classification for Summit County Parcels #1909647 & 1907510 (Coventry Township, OH 44319). Located on the west side of S Main St. and south of Interstate 277, parcel #1909647 contains 4.36 acres of land and parcel #1907510 contains 5.14 acres of land. Both parcels

are currently vacant. The request involves the rezoning of property currently zoned B-3 General Business to C/I Commercial Industrial. The proposed use of the property is flex space and self-storage space. The Board of Trustees will consider recommendations made by the Coventry Zoning Commission and Summit County Planning Commission.

Constantine Vasilatos explained the proposed plans on behalf of the property owner. A brief discussion was held over location and possible issues with the lot.

220512-03 George Beckham made a motion to approve the request to re-zone parcels 1909647 and 1907510 on the west side of S. Main Street and south of Interstate 277 from B-3 General Business to C/I Commercial Industrial. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Disposition of Obsolete Township Equipment

Anna Bryant explained we are currently cleaning out township buildings and removing obsolete and/or broken equipment and furnishings. Items that are of any value may be taken to auction. A listing of disposed of items will be kept and the Township Inventory will reflect these changes.

220512-04 Jeff Houck made a motion to authorize Administrator, Anna Bryant to oversee the disposition of obsolete and/or broken equipment and furnishings. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Administration Office Renovations

Anna Bryant explained last year we began renovating the interior of the Administration Office – this motion will allow completion of the project which includes the establishment of a new entryway/lobby area and the installation of a new wall to create an additional office space.

220512-05 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$45,000 to complete the Administration Office Renovation Project. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Reports by Department Heads

Dave Koontz, Summit County Engineer Representative reported that the Flynn Drive repair request has been received. They are currently working on the paving project. Barbicas was awarded for hot mix and will be starting in the northern part of the County. Melway was awarded for 405 and seal coat. They are currently working out scheduling for that work.

Adam Rockich, Interim Fire Chief advised that Portage Lakes Drive will be closed for the Run to the Clock Tower 5k this Saturday from 8-9 am. They were awarded the Bluecoats Grant and were approved for \$16,500 worth of equipment. There have been 743 calls for service to date which is up by 65 alarms from the same date last year.

2022 Police & Fire Equipment Grant

The 2022 Police and Fire grant gives a 100% reimbursement of up to \$1,000. This may be used for policy updates, training, and or equipment purchases.

220512-06 George Beckham made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the OTARMA 2022 Police and Fire Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Turnout Gear Purchase

This will provide a new set of turnout gear for our most recent new hire, and also replace a set of gear that expires in 2023.

220512-07 George Beckham made a motion to approve the 2022 encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$6,270.00 to Atlantic Emergency services for the purchase of two new sets of turnout gear. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Radio Re-Programming & Link Layer

Adam Rockich explained Our mobile and portable radios need to be reprogrammed since they first went into service. While this is being done we are going to have installed federally mandated link-layer security features at the same time. Link layer is a requirement that if not done by 2025 our radios will no longer function.

220512-08 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve the 2022 encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 on a Blanket Certificate for radio reprogramming and required link-layer additions. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

ZOL AED Purchase

Adam Rockich explained that this will provide the 2018 Tahoe chase vehicle with an AED that went out of service two years ago, and replace an older outdated AED in our backup chase vehicle. This will also allow us the ability to obtain a baseline EKG if one of our 12 lead monitors is unavailable.

220512-09 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve the 2022 encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$5618.16 to Zoll Medical for the purchase of two AED pro's. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Power Cots & Load Systems

Adam Rockich explained that power cots and load systems will give us the ability to safely transport and load capacities of up to 870 lbs. into our ambulances. Two EMS workers can safely operate and move patients up to 700 lbs. These new systems will help to minimize injuries to the back that have occurred while transporting and moving larger patients while allowing fewer personnel to be at the scene for loading and transport. The Power pro 2 cot has additional features that allow the cot to "expand" to increase the safety for large patients and decreases the chances for patients to not fit on our cots, or make them unbalanced which can increase the chances for our cots to flip and injure patients. The newer design of the cot will also let us collapse the cot so that we can get into tighter spaces than our current cots allow. We are consolidating savings to get these at the same time as our new ambulances.

220512-10 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve the encumbrance of funds for the amount of \$100,986.44 for the purchase of two power pro 2 cots and power load systems from Stryker medical. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

George Beckham commented that we are one of the few departments in the area that does not currently have these. They'll be a major improvement in the safety of our paramedics.

OTARMA Safety Grant

Adam Rockich explained that the 2022 OTARMA safety grant gives a 100% reimbursement of up to \$500. This will be used for more traffic safety cones. With our increased responses to I77 during the construction, we have been getting more cones damaged from getting run over by vehicles. This will replace damaged cones and increase our on-hand reserves.

220512-11 George Beckham made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the OTARMA 2022 Safety Grant in the amount of \$500. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Lael Stouffer, Road Superintendent explained an issue with a storm sewer collapse on Flynn Drive. COSE has asked for a video of the storm sewer to help determine the extent of the problem.

They gave him a company to use and his is currently in the process of gathering more information. The yard waste events will be this Saturday and next. Tires will not be collected at these events. Any resident needing to dispose of tires may contact the road department at any time to schedule a drop-off.

Mike Harrison, Zoning Inspector reported that he issued 12 permits in the last month. There will be no zoning commission on May 17th and Summit County Planning on May 26th will have two potential items. The next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting will be on June 7th.

Zoning Commission

George Beckham explained that long-time zoning commission member, John Rogers has submitted his resignation. John grew up out here and shared a lot of knowledge of the area. Edward Diebold state that John is a dear friend and is having some health issues. The following motion will be to accept his resignation and move alternate member, Shawn Welsh to the vacated seat.

220512-12 Edward Diebold made a motion to acknowledge receipt of zoning commission member John Roger's resignation and to move alternate member, Shawn Welsh to the vacated seat effective immediately to fill the remaining term expiring 12/31/2024. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Anna Bryant, Administrator requested the following motions:

City of Akron - Letter of Support

220512-13 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve a letter of support for the City of Akron's 3rd Amendment Proposal to Keep our Waterways Clean and provide financial relief to Akron's taxpayers. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

George Beckham explained that this has to do with the City's sewer replacement project asking the EPA to lessen the burden on the taxpayers.

Clocktower Carillon System

Anna Bryant explained that the operating system for the clock tower has needed replacement for a long time. George Beckham commented that we get a lot of complaints if the clock tower is not working properly. Verdin installed the clock over 25 years ago and is a nationally known company out of Columbus.

220512-14 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$29,890.00 to the Verdin Company for the replacement of the Carillon Clock Tower System. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Report by the Fiscal Officer:

David Gissinger advised period to date financial reports have been presented to the Board.

220512-15 Edward Diebold made a motion to receive all bills and salaries, warrant numbers 74045 to 74142 as certified by Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger, and subject to audit. (A listing of the warrants will be made a part of these minutes.) Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Reports by Trustees:

Edward Diebold reported that we have been looking at economic development opportunities as a goal to alleviate some of the tax burdens on residents. He stated he's excited to see what's coming in the future. He also stated that we've been working on park improvements. Final renderings and bid specs are coming for the new fieldhouse at Logan as well as fencing improvements at Ingleside that will be happening soon.

Jeff Houck recognized Mike McArdle, our videographer who will be retiring after tonight's meeting. He congratulated him and thanked him for his work with the Township. We will decide on whether we will continue to video the meetings in the future. He also noted that the Township minutes are the official record of the meetings and are always approved at the beginning of each meeting.

Public Comments:

- Sandy Mischler – 3657 Highspire: Issue with a neighbor running a used car lot/repair shop out of their garage. She described car haulers, traffic problems, and use/damage of her property to turn around. George Beckham stated that this activity is clearly not allowed. Mike Harrison explained that he did receive her letter and will meet with her to address the problem.
- Tommy Parker – 3124 Elderberry: Thanked the Trustees for their help with Cottage Grove Park. He outlined some other improvements he would like to see there in the future and asked for assistance with drainage issues, stating the rain is washing away the ball dirt and a plank is needed to walk out onto the field. A brief discussion was held over park improvements and the other parks that need repairs and maintenance.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 8:15 p.m.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer

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