

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of August 18, 2022

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

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.

Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger; Fire Chief, Adam Rockich; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Zoning Commission Resignation – Terry Perona: A brief discussion was held over Terry's service to the Township and his term which ends 12/31/22. Mike Harrison stated that Paul Neugebauer is the current alternate and would like to move up to regular member. George Beckham stated that we can put an ad in the paper to fill the alternate position.
2. PLAC resignation effective 12/31/22 – Heather Pariso: George Beckham stated Heather has been on PLAC for a while now and will be finishing her term. We can place an ad for this open seat along with the one for the zoning commission.
3. Parks: Anna Bryant explained that we have been getting calls over groups wanting to rehab the PLAY Center tennis courts. She feels we need to do something to make a statement that we are aware of their condition and that they will be torn out because they're too far gone. We will be focusing our efforts on rehabbing the Lockwood tennis courts. Also, discussion on the timeline for playground replacement at Lockwood. Our spending will be determined by the levy outcome this fall.
4. Township Investments – Huntington Treasury Bonds: Dave Gissinger explained that he wants to make an application to Huntington to put funds into different treasury bonds so that the money we have sitting there earns higher interest. We know we will need to use this money during the year, but we can stagger our cash flow to earn up to \$30,000 in additional revenues.
5. Summit County NTIA Middle Mile Broadband Letter of Support: Anna Bryant explained that this request came from the County. It won't obligate us to anything but will show support of their application for funding. Jeff Houck stated this is what they've been working toward in order to extend broadband throughout the County. George Beckham stated that he's not sure he is in support of this based on conversations with other communities. Jeff Houck reiterated that it's just a letter, and we have no financial obligation. Anna Bryant stated that there will be a motion on the regular meeting.
6. West Reservoir Water Line Issues: Anna Bryant explained that there have been ongoing discussions regarding this issue over the last month. She stated that Marvin Evans, counsel for the County called today and will touch base with Irv. Also, the OEPA wants to set up a meeting with the Board and Township Counsel. Anna Bryant explained that she sent emails out to try to coordinate dates, and is waiting to hear back from Derek with OEPA to confirm. A brief discussion was held over the need to condemn the well and have resident dig their own wells.
7. HVAC – Road Department: Anna Bryant explained that Adam Rockich has done most of the legwork on this, but she went ahead and put a motion on the regular agenda to approve up to the "best" option on the estimate. She went on to explain that the entire cost of this project will be reimbursed by the NOPEC Energized Community Grant.
8. Flynn Ave: Lael Stouffer explained that we are still dealing with a large hole in the road on Flynn Avenue. The camera that he sent down basically showed that the whole drainage infrastructure is shot. The County is talking consultants and design numbers at a cost around \$100k. The engineer's office doesn't want to do the design work basically. Lael Stouffer stated he feels that is unacceptable. This project is complicated due to the proximity of houses and other structures to the right of way. We can look at the option of an in-kind design build similar to what was done on Bender by Bertolini Construction. Lael Stouffer stated that he

will be gathering more information on this, hoping to get through the winter for construction to be done next spring.

9. Fire/EMS Mutual Aid MOU with Akron Fire: Adam Rockich explained that they are close to having a final agreement together to define some dual/auto-response areas in the Township and City.
10. South Summit Fire Chiefs: Adam Rockich advised that the Fire Chief's Association is working on doing some regionalization regarding critical EMS calls, basically sending the closest med unit no matter what jurisdiction. For fires, this is less of an issue because everyone responds anyhow already.
11. Dollar General Update: Mike Harrison explained that Dollar General will go to mediation this coming Tuesday.
12. Greenbay Drive: Mike Harrison stated he has given 60 days' notice to the house with the junk vehicles. He is also waiting on insurance for the fire loss house.
13. Dean Drive – House Fire: George Beckham asked Mike Harrison to put this on his radar for demolition.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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 6:32 p.m.


Chairman



Fiscal Officer