

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of August 18, 2022

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Thursday, August 18, 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 as present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes

220818-01 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Workshop of July 14, 2022, the special meeting of July 22, 2022, and the special meeting of August 17, 2022. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Reports by Department Heads

Adam Rockich, Fire Chief reported 217 alarms in July, 1,376 to date, an increase of 128 calls from this same date last year. He reported that there were 28 times during the month that they were on multiple alarms at the same time and we received mutual aid from other communities 11 times while assisting with mutual aid to other communities 22 times. He stated that he attended an active shooter training and will be looking at coordinating future training with area agencies.

Fire Department Kitchen Upgrades

Adam Rockich explained that the Fire Department still has the cabinets and countertops from the original addition of the second story of the Fire Department approximately 50 years ago. The cabinets are deteriorating and in need of repair. Fire Department employees are coming in and volunteering their time to aid in the replacement of the cabinets to help decrease the cost of this project. Two contractors no-showed when requesting quotes, and the third contractor never provided a final quote, but estimates were in the \$50,000+ for a new layout, removal, and replacement of the countertops, cabinets, and the addition of an island. The funds requested will be used for cabinet replacement, island addition, and new countertops.

220818-02 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve the encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$15,000 for renovations of the Fire Department Kitchen. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Radio System – Bi-Annual User Fees

Adam Rockich explained that this request is to cover the required \$20 per month user fee (per radio) to use the County's 800mhz radio system. The county has integrated with the State of Ohio's system to increase coverage and reliability.

220818-03 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve the encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$4,320 to Summit County Department of Public Safety for the user fees for all Fire Department radios from July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Lael Stouffer, Road Superintendent reported that the motor pave portion of the paving program is complete. Chip and seal and the fog seal will come next on all of the streets including those that were just motor paved. There is a larger list of roads getting chipped and sealed, which are all listed on the Township website. We have seen some delays due to weather but will know when the contractor is coming a few days ahead of time so we will try to post a notice to make sure residents are aware. The road department is currently working on work orders and stormwater repairs.

Hydraulic System Replacement - 2006 F-550

Lael Stouffer explained that we need to Replace the non-functional hydraulic system on a 2006 F-550 to include controls for the dump body, plow, and salt spreader. We wouldn't normally do this repair on a truck this old, but because it's not rusted, we should get 5-10 more years out of it.

220818-04 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve a purchase order for the Dexter Company in the amount of \$24,485.00. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Department HVAC System Replacement

Anna Bryant explained that the current HVAC System at the Road Department needs replacement. The NOPEC Energized Community Grant will cover the total cost for an amount not to exceed \$10,179.00.

220818-05 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$10,179.00 to Hybrid Heating and Cooling for the purchase and installation of an Amana HVAC System with Reme Halo In-Duct Air Purifier. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Harrison, Zoning Inspector reported that he issued 11 permits in the last month. The August 9th Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum and the Zoning Commission met last Tuesday for a rezoning request. That will go before the Board of Trustees at the September meeting for final approval.

Zoning Commission Resignation/Appointment

Terry Perona has submitted his resignation effective August 8, 2022. Paul Neugebauer is currently the alternate and would like to step into the regular member position.

220818-06 Jeff Houck made a motion to accept the resignation of Terry Perona from the Coventry Zoning Commission and to appoint alternate member, Paul Neugebauer to his unexpired term, ending 12/31/22 effective immediately. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Anna Bryant, Administrator announced that this year's Akron Zoom Community Days will be from September 1st through September 30th. Residents may register for tickets online. She advised that the zoo only sent her a handful of paper tickets. They are urging the use of the website to schedule a time for your visit. George Beckham questioned whether it was still a "free" visit if there are website charges. Anna Bryant explained that they have always charged \$3.00 for parking, so that may be the fee but it has always been that way. She didn't believe there were credit card fees associated with the registration for the free tickets.

NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Grant - Letter of Support

Anna Bryant explained that the County is requesting a letter of support for their grant application for 57 million dollars to support additional broadband fiber rings in the County's 31 communities. Jeff Houck explained that it's just a letter of support, the township will not need to contribute any funds and will not be an "applicant" on the grant.

220818-07 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve a letter of support for Summit County's application for additional funding for the middle mile fiber network from NTIA's Broadband Infrastructure Grant. 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 the Board that their period-to-date financial reports have been presented to the Board.

220818-08 George Beckham made a motion to receive all bills and salaries warrant numbers 74368 to 74468 as certified by Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger, and subject to audit. (A listing of the warrants will be made a part of these minutes.) Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasury Bond Investments - Huntington Bank

David Gissinger explained that opening treasury bonds accumulates more revenue than our checking account. He'll be able to cycle the money so that it's available for expenditures when needed.

220818-09 George Beckham made a motion to authorize Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger to open treasury bond accounts through Huntington Bank and to execute any necessary agreements. 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 stated that he knows people are curious about where the money from the Parks Levy will go. He explained that our COVID money will fund most of the new Logan Fieldhouse project. Aside from that, we are hoping to bring in enough money with the Levy to bring our parks up to speed. He listed several projects for each park with an overall vision of improvements for the future. The public gets to decide on this – we are shooting for the stars, but if it doesn't fly with the community we'll tone it down.

Jeff Houck gave a Summit County Health Department update stating that he attends a monthly meeting as a representative of the Township. COVID is still around and the health district is recommending everyone stay up to date on their vaccines and stay home if they're feeling sick. This fall they will be coming out with a vaccine that attacks several variants of the virus.

George Beckham advised that there are two Board vacancies on the zoning boards. Terry Perona from the zoning commission and Heather Pariso from PLAC. We typically place an ad in the paper. Zoning and construction experience with the zoning boards or lakes/environmental experience for PLAC is not required but is certainly helpful. These Boards can be springboards for any public office. He asked anyone interested in either of these seats to please contact the administration office.

Public Comments:

- Chris Haramis – 286 Dorwil Drive: listed complaints regarding the tennis courts and road resurfacing of Dorwil Drive that he feels need to be done as soon as possible. He also stated that a neighbor on Hummel Drive has a large sinkhole in her backyard from a drainage easement.
- Tom Vatalaro - 263 Dorwil Drive: also commented about the drainage easement and repairs that need to be made. Lael Stouffer explained that it is a private property matter unfortunately and there is really nothing the Township can do to solve the issue. There was further discussion among various residents and the Board regarding drainage issues and the limitations of the Township.
- Brian White – 4088 Greenbay: Listed a history of complaints about 4087 Greenbay Drive. Other residents from the neighborhood also spoke to follow up on the last meeting and to see about an update on the status of the zoning complaints. Mike Harrison explained that he is waiting to hear back from the health department and building department about condemnation. The trash issue is part of the insurance claim and he has been in contact with the property manager. There was further discussion over various property issues and the timeline.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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

