

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of February 9, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Chairman Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, absent/excused; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Two Trustees were recorded present.

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

Topics for Discussion:

1. Permanent Appropriations: A workshop was scheduled for March 7th at 8:30 a.m. in the ADA Room.
2. SAFER Funding: David Gissinger explained that he had to move \$50k from the General Fund. The grant runs from 2021 – 2024. We are about a year behind in receiving reimbursement funds. Adam Rockich explained a miscommunication issue with the grant writer. Lt. Langenek used to handle report submissions and requests for reimbursement but the grant writer took it over and we've not been getting the money. It's an issue with follow-up. We should be able to catch up on reimbursements over the next few months. That advance will be paid back to the General Fund once money is received.
3. IBH Property – Funding: David Gissinger explained that he has spoken with the City of Akron about how this property will be paid for. The City is holding the note, so we have the option of paying for it directly out of our JEDD Funds, which they will automatically deduct, or we can set up a fund to pay it from. A brief discussion was held. There will be a motion on the March regular meeting to set up a fund for payment. It will give us better control and more transparency.
4. Road Department Updates: Lael Stouffer explained that he and the County are working on setting up the 2023 paving program. It's looking like \$600k will cover the area north of Killian, so the whole northeast section of the Township will be done. He will also do a few streets south of Killian and a few others he knows of off of S. Turkeyfoot that are really in bad shape. He will have the total mileage figured out soon. He explained that he also put a brush cutter tool on the regular agenda for approval. He also wants to fill the open full-time position by next month before they get into their busy season. He has a part-time employee whom he would like to offer the position. Weather cooperating, he will be able to get some drainage work done in the next week.
5. Fire Department: Chief Rockich asked the Board how they wanted to be notified on State responses like the East Palestine request. Edward Diebold stated he's fine with a text message. He explained that they're in the middle of installing the new epoxy floor in the FD and will probably finish by the end of next week. He stated that he is wanting to look into getting some scheduling and payroll software. The time savings will have it paid for in no time, so he will have some costs by the next meeting.
6. Zoning: Laura Collins advised that there's a request from a potential buyer of a property on Lakota to look into purchasing the paper street that runs behind it, which is technically a continuation of Radnor Street. It was discussed that the residents in that area would need to initiate the petition process to vacate, and it would be split among those that are contiguous. She also discussed a request from a resident for a letter, but she is holding off due to the fact that the property referenced is in litigation for a neighbor conflict and will go to jury trial in February.
7. Community Well/Akron Water: Anna Bryant advised on calls from Amelia Sykes' office and gave an update on the status of the Akron Water survey letters that will be mailed sometime in the next few weeks. She stated that she continues to follow up on that matter. The Town Hall meeting for residents will be on March 14th in the Community Center.

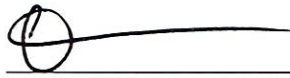
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, absent/excused; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer