

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of January 12, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, January 12, 2023 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 as 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. Organizational Resolution: Discussion was held over a few minor updates/changes. Anna Bryant explained that after many, many years Irv Sugerman has requested an increase to \$200 per hour which is still well below the industry standard. Zoning Boards – Kevin Kimmel will be reappointed to the BZA, and Paul Neugebauer, although just appointed to the Zoning Commission this last fall, will now be reappointed to a new term. His initial appointment was to fill the remaining term of Terry Perona. She asked if the Board knew of anyone wanting to be appointed as the alternate. Edward Diebold stated Josh Randles had applied. A brief discussion was held over Board organization and motions will be made at the beginning of the regular meeting. Adam Rockich advised that Medicare rates for ambulance billing may change later in the year, so his fee schedule may need to be modified. Anna Bryant stated that's no problem, we can amend it at any time.
2. Parks Levy –County F.O. Estimates emailed Monday, Jan. 9th: Discussion was held on which yield to run based on numbers received from the County as follows:

i. Renewal	\$122,594 (15.20/year) current rate
ii. Replacement	\$141,453 (17.50/year) ↑\$2.30 over the current rate
iii. Repl. + Increase	\$212,179 (26.26/year) ↑\$11.06 over the current rate

Edward Diebold stated he'd still like to go for the replacement and increase for the May primary since we didn't lose by much in the November election. Some brief discussion was held over the options as well as the timeline for the fire levy in the fall. A motion will be on the regular agenda.

3. Zoning – 3069 Derling Drive: Edward Diebold explained that he had received questions about building possible additional structures on this lot and also wondering if it could be split, or what could be built. George Beckham stated that a drawing or proposal would need to be brought in to Laura so it could be looked at.
4. Road Department: Lael Stouffer explained the following motions on the regular agenda:
 - a. Canova Drive - Request for engineering assistance for easement survey
 - b. Salt purchase – our usual allotment
 - c. CUE – motion to join re-organized CUE as Council of Governments
 - d. Annual Highway System - mileage certification
 - e. George Beckham stated he is still getting nasty messages and texts from Tyler Miller regarding the well situation. He stated that Dave Fowler contacted him as well and will be digging several wells for neighbors over there. A brief discussion was held about the other community wells in that area.
5. Fire Department: Adam Rockich explained the following motions on the regular agenda:
 - a. Kitchen floor replacement – he explained that they are exploring options of epoxy vs. vinyl plank or laminate.
 - b. New SAFER Hires – Robert Bruner & Trent Harrell
 - i. Turnout Gear Purchase
 - ii. Move JD Detsch and Scott Reynolds, the two existing SAFER to regular FD employee status.
 - c. Grant applications
 - i. State Equipment Grant
 - ii. AFG Regional Radio Grant – will include us and nine other communities.
 - iii. BWC Safety Intervention Grant

- d. New hires and promotion ceremony on January 24th will be held at the Community Center. He would like a Trustee to attend to do the official swear-ins. this will also be Brian Cyphert's send-off as he begins as Seville's Fire Chief.
 - e. Pancake Breakfast fundraiser –the Fire Department is organizing a fundraiser to benefit Kelly and her family due to extra unexpected expenses after her cancer surgery.
6. Facilities Maintenance Manager Position: Anna Bryant explained that Department heads will meet with Dennis Ott Jan. 23rd or 24th to go over his Job Description/Duties & list of projects to get him started.
 7. Race to the Clock Tower 5K: Anna Bryant advised that there is a motion on the agenda for approval of the road closure by the County, which follows the same procedure as last year. George Beckham explained that Nicole Gareri organizes this race, which is a huge fundraiser for the track team.
 8. PLAC Opening: Anna Bryant explained that we've had two interested parties for Portage Lakes Advisory Council representative. A motion to appoint one will be on the regular agenda. A brief discussion was held regarding both candidates.
 - a. Dawn Pittinger
 - b. Sean Fremon
 9. OTA Winter Conference: Anna Bryant advised that Adam and Laura will be in Columbus January 25th, 26th, 27th for the conference this year. If anyone else wants to attend on a daily basis, they can do so in person.
 10. Executive Session at end of Regular Meeting – Litigation Update: Anna Bryant advised that there is an executive session on the agenda at the end of the meeting. Matt VanSuch will call in to give us an update. Also, Adam Rockich will have an employee matter to discuss.
 11. IAFF Negotiations: Adam Rockich stated we will need to sit down sometime soon to go over the contract. Anna Bryant and Jeff Houck will be assisting on behalf of the Township.


Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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 6:12 p.m.



 Chairman



 Fiscal Officer