

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting of January 24, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319, to discuss the potential extension of water services to Township residents.

Call to Order:

Edward Diebold 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, (absent/vacation). Two Trustees were recorded present. Township Counsel, Irv Sugerman was in attendance via teleconference, and Akron Beacon Journal reporter, Alan Ashworth was present.

S. Turkeyfoot Water Extension – EPA Funding Application

Edward Diebold explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss email correspondence from the City of Akron regarding the possible extension of water to residents in neighborhoods along S. Turkeyfoot Rd. Irv Sugerman explained that the City is wanting to know how much buy-in there will be from residents. We have stipulations in the JEDD agreement regarding the addition of service areas that will need to be followed. He suggested setting up a call with the City to make sure we are all on the same page. Information to the residents can be sent to the residents on Township letterhead. Anna Bryant commented that it's unclear from the emails if they need us to do anything at this point. A phone call will clear up any miscommunication. It was decided that Anna and Irv will handle the phone call. Anna will email everyone to schedule for later this week or early next week. Alan Ashworth asked if this would solve well issues for a resident who contacted him about being without water since the beginning of December. George Beckham explained that this isn't a quick fix. The City is applying for money through an EPA grant to extend the water line if there is enough resident buy-in. He gave background on the community well situation and emphasized that the Township has not shut the water off to any residents. Mr. Miller was receiving water from another source, and that supply was shut off. Further discussion was held over community wells and the issues the Township faces when those water lines break in the Township's right of way. It was explained that the Summit County Health Department and Ohio EPA have determined that the well on the west side of S. Turkeyfoot needs to be decommissioned. Anna Bryant will send a copy of the letter that was distributed to residents in the area. We don't really know exactly who is still receiving water from that well at this point. Nobody has been forthcoming with information.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; and Edward Diebold, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer

