

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of April 13, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, April 13, 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, 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. Bollards – N. Dam area across from Biggins: A brief discussion was held over the quote George Beckham received from Sentry Fence. Other fence repairs in the parks were mentioned as well. A motion for a blanket PO for fence repairs will be added to the regular agenda.
2. Potts Drive – owner wants to dedicate the street (3539 Potts Drive): Anna Bryant advised that a resident contacted the Township to see about dedicating the street. Lael Stouffer and George Beckham advised that it cannot be dedicated unless the gravel drive is first brought up to County standards by the property owners. George Beckham stated that Chuck Hauber should be able to help explain to the resident if needed.
3. Road Department: Lael Stouffer advised that they have the new mower/trailer and have started the new part-time mowing/parks employee. So far training is going well. He'll start his first week next Monday. He's been working with the crew to fix some drainage issues in the parks and doing some general cleanup. There is a sinkhole in Cottage Grove Park that may be a bigger issue. He did confirm with the County that he can remove the streets off of S. Turkeyfoot from the road resurfacing program. They will do the alternate streets instead. Scott Rohler, our new full-time employee is doing really well.
4. Zoning
 - a. KFC (Rood/Manchester Road Issue): Laura Cowles explained that ODOT did do a traffic study at KFC's request, and there is not enough traffic to warrant a traffic light there. Also, they granted KFC a variance based on the resident's concerns, moving the entry/exit further north on Manchester Road. There was a question on whether we can deny access to Rood Drive since it is a Township road. Chief Rockich commented that he would like for there to be access from Rood for an emergency response to that location.
 - b. Moratorium on Storage Facilities: Laura Cowles explained that the Zoning Commission is requesting this moratorium to revise our code to confine this type of facility to specific areas and to have more of a hand in defining use. The township attorneys wrote up the wording for the resolution
 - c. Zoning Intern – Laura Cowles asked the Board if they would consider allowing her to hire an intern for the summer to help with nuisance inspections as well as some organizational projects in the office. She is thinking a college student at Akron U or Kent State who is in construction management or a similar field for 2 to 3 days a week at \$11/hour just for the summer. The Board was supportive of this request and will consider a motion on the regular agenda.
 - d. Dollar General: Laura Cowles and George Beckham explained that they attended the oral arguments for Dollar General. We will get a letter with a decision from the judge. We are also working on amending the zoning code so this will be square-foot-based instead of focused on use.
 - e. Nuisance abatements: Laura Cowles explained that several properties are moving forward toward legal action. Arrow Avenue, the McGlumphy property and the property on Beachview are all progressing.

5. Fire Department

- a. Ladder Truck Replacement: Adam Rockich explained that he has gotten quotes to replace the ladder truck with a heavy rescue truck. Two of the vendors came in over \$1 million and the third is \$800-\$900,000 and has state bid pricing. We continue to have maintenance and repairs on the ladder truck with the latest repair at \$400. He explained that he is looking to move forward before there is another pricing increase on this truck in May. A brief discussion over financing options was held. George Beckham stated that ARPA funds should be used for capital improvements and he doesn't consider a truck a capital improvement.
- b. HVAC: Adam Rockich advised the Board that the two rooftop units on the FD side need to be replaced. We have the option of units that are heat/AC which would be available immediately, or to special order AC only, it would take 30 weeks before install, but at \$2,500 less. The Heat/AC unit would give us the ability to hook up to gas heat if we would have any issues with our boiler in the future.
- c. Budgetary/Contract Negotiations: Adam Rockich explained that he met with Anna and Jeff regarding the IAFF contract. We will need a replacement of the existing levy in the fall and are considering asking the IAFF to do a 1-year extension so we have a better idea of funding once the levy is voted on. For the 1-year extension we would offer a 3% increase with no changes to the contract.

6. Sheriff's Office: Lt. Lowe advised the Board of a potential "4-20 Party" at the Jordon Smoke Shop in the old D'Angelo's location. The tenant has told the sheriff that they're anticipating from 1,000 up to 10,000 people. A brief discussion was held over overcrowding/parking issues, as well as possible illegal activity and timing with the Jalen Walker hearing.

7. Parks:

- a. Levy Issue 1 – Anna Bryan explained that she has an ad almost ready to go for next week. She'll send it out for final approval before it goes to the papers.
- b. Lockwood – Lael Stouffer stated he is asking for a BC to cover the project and gave a rundown of the costs. He will be confirming scope of work with the contractors tomorrow and tentatively scheduling work to begin at the end of April. Anna Bryant advised that she has ordered a "park closed" sign which we can post as soon as it's received.
- c. Logan – Edward Diebold stated he is waiting on bid specs from 4Points. George Beckham asked if we checked into what the water line will cost from the City yet? He will follow-up to see what our options are there.
- d. Clock Tower – Anna Bryant explained that she met with three landscape companies who are coming up with some landscape design plans. She'll have those ready for next meeting and is hoping to have it completed by July 4th weekend.

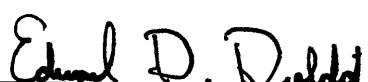
8. Community Well/Akron Water: George Beckham explained that the well was turned off by the electric company due to non-payment. He is still looking to find contractors to decommission it and seal the tanks. He has two possible, but most of them don't want to touch it due to its location. Adam Rockich stated those tanks and the chamber need to be sealed as soon as possible with bentonite, they're a death trap.

9. JEDD Board Meeting Reminder – Wednesday, April 26th – 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

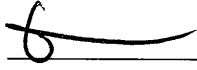
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold 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 6:48 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer

