

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Special Meeting of April 26, 2023**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:45 a.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319, to discuss traffic concerns due to new construction on Rood Drive and S.R. 93, revision to a road easement Resolution, a Fire Department truck purchase, and to go into executive session to discuss a fire department employment matter.

**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, yes. All Trustees were recorded as present.

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

**Proposed KFC – Rood & Manchester Road**

Laura Cowles discussed her email communications with Tim Boley from the County which were also forwarded to the Board. Basically, the ball is in the Township's court and we need to decide if we are going to allow access to Rood. If we do not, that will only leave a right turn out onto Rt. 93. KFC did already receive a variance from ODOT which moved the entrance further north and granted a Right-turn In and a Right-turn Out. Discussion over issues that may arise elsewhere if we deny access to Rood Drive. Discussion over a potential variance for access to Rood so the neighborhood can weigh in. George Beckham suggested we get a legal opinion on what we can or can't do here. Discussion on adding a right turn lane on Rood, and if that would be a possibility or not.

**Canova Drive – Resolution Revision**

Anna Bryant explained that per Township Counsel - The resolution and easement reflect \$1,818, which is \$2/sf. It's the fiscal officer's certification that says that there is \$1,878 available to pay for that. To me, that doesn't change what the trustees authorized, which is \$1,818. He went back and looked at Steve Wagner's email on December 19, and Mr. Wagner did ask for a total of \$3,000, the difference being the landscaping. He then went back and also looked at Charles Hauber's email from December 9; he discusses paying for landscaping in addition to the square footage. So, to address that, the trustees can consider a resolution (a) amending the fiscal officer's certification in resolution 230309-16 to reflect \$1,818, and (b) authorizing the expenditure of \$1,182 to the Wagners for the landscaping in the permanent highway easement area.

230425-01 George Beckham made a motion to amend Resolution 230309-16 Highway Easement Agreement – 551 Canova Drive to include the cost of landscaping in the permanent highway easement area in the amount of \$1,182.00, for a total expense of \$3,000.00. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Fire Department Ladder Truck Replacement – Rescue Pumper Purchase Agreement**

Adam Rockich explained that E-One Manufacturing is a state-bid manufacturer that offers Fire apparatuses. They are the best cost per point in competitive comparison with four other manufacturers that can supply the replacement apparatus we are trying to build. This truck will replace our 1996 aerial ladder truck. With multiple ladder trucks at neighboring jurisdictions, it is not fiscally responsible for us as a township to try and buy another ladder truck at over 2 million dollars. This apparatus will be able to save the township over \$1,150,000. This vehicle will serve as our rescue pumper for crash responses. Entering into the contract to start the build process before May 1st will avoid a 5% price increase. This motion will allow us to start the order process and secure financing after. A brief discussion was held over financing options.

230425-02 Edward Diebold made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to enter into a purchasing contract with E-One manufacturing to start the build process for a Rescue Pumper to replace our existing 1996 aerial ladder truck, in the amount of \$850,000.00. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Executive Session**

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a fire department personnel matter. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned to executive session at 11:27 a.m.

Convened executive session at 11:30 a.m.

**Discussion:**

**Motion to adjourn executive session:**

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn executive session. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

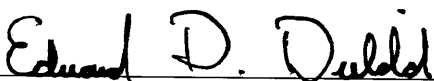
Adjourned executive session at 12:23 p.m.


Reconvened regular session at 12:23 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:**

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the special 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 12:23 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Fiscal Officer