

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of March 7, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees will hold a General Workshop on Tuesday, March 7th at 8:30 a.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319, to discuss the 2023 Permanent Appropriations.

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 present.

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

2023 Permanent Appropriations

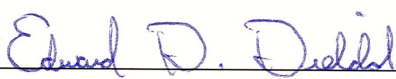
A discussion was held over the 2023 Permanent Appropriations. Department heads explained their budgets and made the board aware of areas where they may be facing issues or shortages within their funds. David Gissinger explained that we are appropriating 85% of all available resources. Questions over individual line items were discussed.

Capital improvements to parks and other Township infrastructure improvements that are needed were outlined. Parks discussion regarding improvements to Lockwood Park for this year, at an estimated amount of \$220,000 was held. Lael Stouffer explained issues with the tennis courts and a course of action. He and Dennis Ott will be meeting with contractors to come up with some estimates. We will be getting the \$300,000 from the State's Capital Improvement Fund for the dam area, focusing on the Clock Tower to start. Anna Bryant will be meeting with landscapers to come up with some design ideas that can then be submitted to ODNR for approval. Lael Stouffer went on to discuss a plan for mowing and a part-time parks maintenance/mowing position. He would like to hire someone and purchase some mowing equipment this year. We are at a point where we need some more specialized attention in our parks. We can do this on a trial basis this year and still have a contractor handle our cemeteries to see how it goes. He outlined the estimated costs associated with this plan. A brief discussion was held over improvements to other township grounds including the FD/Admin parking lot railing. Adam Rockich explained that this is a liability at this point, they are rusting out and could cause a major issue if not addressed. The lower garage and garage doors on the upper bay to improve heating and cooling efficiency in the administration offices were also mentioned. Lael Stouffer requested \$220,00 from the General Fund to help cover the paving project this year. By keeping up with the mileage he has proposed we will be able to finish all the roads in the Township according to his five-year schedule. Roads are more expensive to repair now, but we will see big savings in the future because they won't need as much attention going forward. Adam Rockich outlined the fire department budget and explained that with salaries, healthcare, and equipment purchases they are negative spending by around \$350,000. They need to replace the ladder truck and currently are putting a lot of money into repairs and maintenance. He would like to consider a heavy rescue vehicle that would better suit our needs since the surrounding communities have ladders they can respond with if needed. We will also have to plan on absorbing SAFER salaries when the grant runs out next February in the amount of \$350,000. He did state that he Ambulance and Fire Collections fund is in good shape and can help out with SAFER next year. Some discussion was held over grant funding and the ARP Funds that will be used for the Logan Fieldhouse renovation at around \$600,000. We can look at appropriating some of that money for a heavy rescue vehicle if we're unable to come up with other grant funding.


Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the general workshop. George Beckham seconded the motion. Roll call:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer