

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of March 9, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, March 9, 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; (Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles was absent/excused due to illness/COVID)

Topics for Discussion:

1. Relief Effort – Trailer: Adam Rockich explained that so far this has not been an issue. He explained that Tom Smoot with EMA let him know that Columbiana is refusing assistance and the County is not taking donations currently.
2. Trespassing Complaint: Adam Rockich explained that he was contacted by the Sheriff's Office regarding a complaint that was filed against him for trespassing on a neighbor's property during the house explosion on Long Lake Blvd. He explained that Mr. Fouser is the adjacent owner and got into a heated exchange with him, while a deputy was present for boarding up his garage. He also was removing debris on the fire scene prior to the investigation and got angry when the Chief asked him to stop. Chief Rockich explained that Mr. Fouser is unhappy with the bill he received from the board-up company and is refusing to submit it to his insurance. He is being very uncooperative.
3. Healthcare Renewal – PEBA Plan: Anna Bryant explained that our health insurance is increasing this year by 22%. She explained that she, Adam Rockich and the Union President, Lt. McClellan met with our Burnham and Flowers rep to go over other options. Our current plan is still the best option as far as cost and coverage. She did shop the marketplace and those options would have been as much as a 102% increase.
4. Credit Card Use Policy: Anna Bryant explained that this came about after reviewing a list of audit items sent to Dave Gissinger. Our current policy is very specific to the former procedures set up by a previous Fiscal Officer, and is not relevant to the way our current cards are issued. The new policy is updated to reflect changes in the ORC and our office structure and procedures.
5. Road Department Updates: Lael Stouffer explained that he wants to fill the vacancy left by Logan Smith last year with part-time truck driver Scott Rohler. Scott has been doing a great job and should fit in well with the crew. He does have previous road department experience from time he was employed by the City of Green.
6. Bollards: George Beckham discussed a quote he received to place bollards on the N. Dam area across from Biggins in the amount of \$5,500 to help keep cars off of it. He'll have a motion on the April agenda.
7. Big Shots Golf: Anna Bryant discussed an issue with golf balls going across the street and hitting private property. Jim Underwood called to complain and voice his concern, not only for his property but for vehicles passing by on Swartz Road. He is concerned someone is going to be seriously hurt. She will follow-up with the Sheriff's Office on complaints and see what can be done to approach Big Shots since they are in the City of Akron.
8. Fire Department: Adam Rockich stated he has some purchase requests on the regular agenda as well as an executive session to discuss a personnel matter that came up yesterday.
9. Zoning: Anna Bryant explained that Laura is sick with COVID, so she has been out of the office.
 - a. Dollar General Hearing – 9th Judicial Court of Appeals March 21st at 11 a.m. George Beckham stated he is attending this hearing downtown.

- b. Joint Zoning Boards/Trustee/Twp. Counsel Workshop: George Beckham stated he and Laura would coordinate and let everyone know when this will be held, possibly in April.
10. Parks: Anna Bryant advised that our Levy number has been issued – it will be Issue 1 on the May 2nd ballot.
- a. Lockwood: Lael Stouffer explained that he and Dennis Ott are moving forward with getting some numbers and ideas. The court will need to be 10 feet larger to accommodate pickleball.
 - b. Logan: Edward Diebold stated that we will see activity on this by the end of the year. Bids will be going out soon and the estimate is around \$600,000.
 - c. Ingleside Park: Edward Diebold stated the fieldhouse is needing a facelift, or demo depending on the cost to renovate. He did meet with 4Points over there. They are needing a tall beverage cooler for this season. David Gissinger suggested they contact Coke or Pepsi.

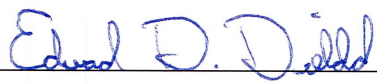
11. Community Well/Akron Water:

- a. Community well - George Beckham explained that he has been in contact with Ohio Edison regarding the well shut-off. It will be shut off on April 1st due to non-payment. He is getting quotes for the demo of the well and is running into an issue with contractors not wanting the work because of the location. He may need to contact Gangle or Butcher. The well has to be sealed with special cement and inspected by the health department.
- b. Akron Water Survey Response – Anna Bryant noted that the responses she has received in the office have been mostly positive. She reminded everyone of the meeting next Tuesday, March 14th @ 6 pm

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the general workshop. George Beckham 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 6:32 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer