

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of May 16, 2023**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319. This meeting replaces the originally rescheduled meeting on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (due to the cancelation of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meetings). Meetings have been rescheduled to allow attendance at the funeral services of a Township employee.

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 present.

Also in attendance were: Fiscal Officer, David Gissing; Fire Chief, Adam Rockich; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles.

**Topics for Discussion:**

1. Levy's – need to request FO Cert for fall ballot issues – Fire and Parks replacements: Anna Bryant explained that we can only put the Parks levy on. The Fiscal Office advised that we need to wait another year for the Fire Department levy. There was some discussion over the option of placing a non-renewable Capital Improvement levy on the ballot. Discussion over issues with passing an additional levy. A motion will be on the regular meeting for our request to the County for the yield on a replacement.
2. Road Department: Lael Stouffer explained that the fog seal that was postponed from last fall will be put on the roads still needing it from last year. The Engineer's office will do an audit of material and an invoice will come after. This was already approved from last year.
3. Zoning
  - a. KFC (Rood/Manchester Road Issue) – Laura Cowles explained that the Engineer's Office reviewed two traffic studies and are requesting more information. We're in limbo at this point. A discussion over mowing the property was held. Laura Cowles explained that she has notified the property owners.
  - b. Nuisance Abatement – Long Lake Blvd. (house explosion/fire loss) – Laura Cowles explained that she has spoken to the daughter who now owns the property and they are wanting to clean up themselves. They have a contractor who has just started working on the cleanup.
  - c. Summer Intern – Laura Cowles explained that she's been disappointed with the response from the area colleges to her request for an intern. She has also recently reached out to Portage Lakes Career Center and Cleveland State.
  - d. Hoarding Task Force – she advised the Board that she attended the Hoarding Task Force meeting for the county. This is just another angle to use in order to help clean up nuisance properties and may offer some insight into a better way of managing them in the long run.
4. Fire Department
  - a. Adam Rockich advised the Board that Lt. Lawrence's funeral services will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 at Schermesser Funeral Home. Donnie Boyer is donating space and food for a wake after the service at Smoke on the Water. He explained that the station will be covered by local stations so our staff can attend. The on-duty staff was Rob's shift. Adam is going to order pizzas to feed the guys. Jeff Houck offered to donate pizzas from Lala's.
  - b. Carpeting PO – Adam Rockich explained that this will complete the day room and dorm to finish the flooring replacement in the fire department. He stated that he isn't replacing the training room at this time.
  - c. HVAC Replacement PO – Adam Rockich explained that the rooftop units need replaced in the Fire Department as discussed previously. There is a motion on the

regular agenda. He would like the dual heat/cool unit since it is readily available and will serve as a back-up should we have issues with our boiler system.

5. Parks:

- a. Lockwood- Lael Stouffer explained that currently he is waiting for Bertolini to finish up a job in North Canton. They'll start demolition around the beginning of June. Dennis Ott did contact some playground companies and all are saying beginning of August would be the soonest we could have something, so that works well with our current timeline.
- b. Logan – Lael Stouffer explained that the turf is in pretty bad shape with weeds. It's been years since we've had weed treatment and fertilizer done there. He discussed treatment and over-seeding options. Joe Marshall is doing a great job with mowing so far. He wants things to look good and is already taking the initiative to come in and take care of things. Discussion was also held over the condition of the bleachers. Lael Stouffer stated that he would like to get rid of them altogether. From a liability and maintenance standpoint, it is our best option. Most people bring their own chairs to the games anyhow.
- c. Clock Tower – Landscape Proposals: Anna Bryant showed the Board three proposals she received for the Clock Tower area. The one was the most expensive but offered a rock seat wall and more of a capital improvement of the whole area. It will also eliminate the need for fencing around the lakeside area of the concrete pad. All agreed that it was the one they preferred. She stated she will send it to ODNR to see if there were any concerns. She is also checking with the State to make sure the project will be reimbursable for the Capital Improvement Funds.
- d. Dam Property Mowing – Lael Stouffer explained some issues with mowing the area across from Biggins due to sight distances and speed. He will not be having Joe mow that area due to concerns over causing an accident. He did meet with Josh Garretson from ODNR to discuss some no-mow options in that section. George Beckham stated that they will hold off on placing the bollards there. We will likely incur a storage fee for the material since Sentry Fence was already approved for the project and purchased the bollards and rope.
- e. Weed Control: Lael Stouffer explained that he used GroundPro last year for a 1-time treatment at the cemetery and was very pleased with the outcome. He feels that we can do the same treatment on all Township grounds and will not need a season-long contract. A discussion was held over the differences in the quotes received from GroundPro and TruGreen.

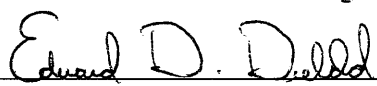
6. Community Well/Akron Water


- a. Update on well decommissioning: George Beckham explained that he did receive a quote from Donamarc and is currently expecting one from Pugh as well. He stated he should have something to approve for the June meeting.

**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 11:36 a.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Fiscal Officer