

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of October 12, 2023

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, October 12, 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 Summit County Engineer Representative, Chuck Hauber.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Akron Water Line – Plan Review: George Beckham asked Chuck Hauber what we need to look out for. There was some discussion over the preliminary plan review and the need for the Township roads to be repaved as part of the installation of the water lines. Lael Stouffer also discussed storm drainage infrastructure. Chuck Hauber stated that he felt the replacement of anything disturbed by the water line going in should be Akron's responsibility. Lael Stouffer stated he would review the plans and note anywhere that he felt there might be issues with the infrastructure. Chief Rockich stated he has some questions about the hydrants which will need to be addressed with Akron. Anna Bryant suggested a meeting with the Township, as well as County Engineering and Akron Water representatives, would be helpful to get everyone on the same page to answer some of these questions. She stated she would reach out once Lael has a chance to review the plans to get everyone together.

2. Parks/Twp. Maintenance:
 - a. Levy – Issue #5: Discussion was held over Levy Issue 5 and campaigning efforts. Anna Bryant advised that the advertising costs are on the agenda for approval tonight, so informational, full-page ads will be in the South Side Leader for the next month. Yard signs are ready. George Beckham stated he had some flyers printed up that he plans to hand out at the next home football game.

 - b. Lockwood Park Remodel: Lael Stouffer explained the need for additional funds for fencing around the new courts at Lockwood. (quote \$38,000 – have \$34,676.51 left on our original BC) Motion on agenda for PO to cover the difference. Anna Bryant asked if a BC was needed for any additional work this year or hold off until 2024. It was decided that a new one would be established in 2024. Playground design, parking lot extension, walking path, exterior fencing, and drainage improvement are still needed to complete the project.

 - c. E. Res. Dam Improvements (CIP Funds): Anna Bryant and George Beckham advised the Board of PLAC wanting to be involved in the final phase of this project. They met with Jeff Noble to discuss current plans. Anna Bryant will get a meeting together with BlueGrass Landscape to finalize and work on getting an estimate. Funds will need to be spent by next summer.

 - d. Admin/FD Parking Lot Railing – on agenda for approval (safety hazard): Anna Bryant advised the Board of the three quotes obtained by Dennis Ott for the railing replacement. He recommended Glas Ornamental Metals as the lowest/best bid.
 - i. Glas Ornamental Metals - \$8,500 (recommended by D. Ott)
 - ii. Castle Railings - \$14,850
 - iii. Brughardt Metal Fabricating - \$27,975


 - e. Logan (ARPA Funds): Edward Diebold advised that he met with the architect and bidding will go out in November which will include a security system.

- f. **Community Center:** Anna Bryant explained that Dennis Ott obtained quotes for the exterior Painting/Stucco repair quotes as follows. This was not budgeted for this year, so we can plan for spring and will get some updated estimates at that time.
 - a. EIB Construction \$9,995.00
 - b. Greg's Painting \$6,000.00
 - c. Young & Son's \$14,870.00
3. **County Shared Services:** Anna Bryant advised that the County has asked up to join the Unite-Us Referral Platform. There is no cost to us and it could be beneficial to all of our departments to join. A resolution is on the Regular meeting agenda.
4. **Zoning**
 - a. Zoning Commission will need a new member. George Beckham recommended an attorney from Dorwil Drive, who would be the third member on the Board from that same neighborhood. A brief discussion was held over whether or not that was a conflict.
 - b. Board of Zoning Appeals – Anna Bryant notified Josh Hostetler that his seat is now vacated via email and regular mail. We will be looking for another member for that Board as well.
5. **Sidewalk/Trail Funding – AMATS Grant Application:** George Beckham explained that he has been working with Joe Paradise and Chuck Hauber on this application. The County will submit on our behalf and would manage the project. There was a brief discussion over when the Township's 20% match would need to be available.
6. **Halloween Open House/FD 95 Year Celebration:** A brief discussion was held over planned events and food we are offering.
7. **Christmas Party – Set Date/Location:** Jeff Houck offered to host the employee Christmas party at Lala's again this year. He would like to donate the cost of the food for everyone. December 9th will be the date and he'll advise on the start time for the party. It will be similar to last year around lunchtime. A brief discussion was held over inviting the zoning boards. The idea of not scheduling hearings for December and doing a joint holiday meeting was offered.
8. **Fire Department**
 - a. Old Ambulances: Adam Rockich advised that the new units will be in service by December. He would like to donate one of the old units to the Sheriff's Bomb Squad and auction the other.
 - b. Retention bonus changes: Adam Rockich explained that there was a change with the way the bonuses are calculated and it was decided that they are pensionable, per OP&F. He asked the Board to consider paying the 24% instead of taking it out of each person's bonus check. It can be taken out, but it's not recommended.
9. **Road Department**
 - a. Dan Yaros – carry 80 hrs. vacation – on agenda for approval. Dan is planning on using up his carried-over hours before winter.
 - b. Aqua Blvd.: Lael Stouffer explained that a new house was built and the utilities destroyed the Road. He has been in contact with Dominion and they have agreed to fix the whole road, so the issue is handled.
 - c. Lower garage – structural issues: Adam Rockich explained that he did contact the structural engineer we used the last time. He will be out to reassess.
10. **Executive Session**
 - a. End of regular meeting – to discuss 171 Vaughn & Halcyon properties.
11. **Special Meeting:** Anna Bryant suggested a special meeting to discuss the water line and finalize the sidewalk grant application the week of the 23rd. Everyone will look at their calendars and let her know their availability.

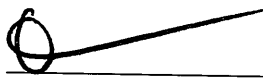
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the General Workshop. Edward Diebold 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 6:56 p.m.



Chairman



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