

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting of February 27, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Coventry Township Administration Office ADA Room at 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319 to discuss the 2024 Permanent Appropriations and to go in to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Call to Order:

Chairman, George Beckham 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 Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer.

2024 Permanent Appropriations

Discussion was held over the draft permanent appropriation resolution as prepared by Dave Gissinger. He explained line items in the General Fund and upcoming projects were discussed. There will be funds appropriated toward the new fire truck out of the general fund and funds set aside for anything additional that may come up for roads. The Crawford property demo will come out of the General Fund as well. Anna Bryant and Adam Rockich discussed the NOPEC NEC grant funds which can be used toward new energy-efficient garage doors. Phone upgrades and Security improvements were discussed. The healthcare will be increasing at a projected 21% for this year unless Burnham and Flowers can find a cheaper plan. Anna Bryant asked Dave Gissinger to allocate funds for Community Center repairs and improvements. She explained that the exterior stucco and landscaping need some work and the cracks in the interior drywall should be repaired and painted. Lael Stouffer discussed his road department budget which is primarily the road resurfacing project. He stated he is not planning on any major equipment purchases this year and fortunately salt use was down for the second year in a row. Lockwood Cemetery was discussed regarding fees, mowing, and possible expansion. Anna Bryant advised that all of the plots are sold at this point. Parks levy funds were discussed. Use of those funds for this year will primarily be spent on mowing, completion of the Lockwood Park renovation, and tree removal at Ingleside Park. Additional funding from the General Fund may be needed to assist with tree removal. Logan Field will use funding from the ARP funds and bids are expected to go out sometime in March. Adam Rockich discussed specific line items in the fire budget. Large expenditures will include equipment replacements such as a rescue boat, dry suits, truck down payment for a rescue vehicle, Bryx station alerting upgrade, Aladtec integration, and radio replacements. Grant applications to offset equipment costs were discussed as well as financing options for the new rescue truck. The November election and Fire Levy were briefly discussed. Adam Rockich explained that he is also looking ahead at retirement payout costs and setting aside funds to cover them.

Executive Session

George Beckham made a motion to adjourn to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned to executive session at 11:25 a.m.

Convened executive session at 11:25 a.m.

Discussion:

Motion to adjourn executive session:

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


Adjourned executive session at 11:59 a.m.
Reconvened regular session at 11:59 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. 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 12:00 p.m.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer