

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of February 8, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Vice-Chairman Jeff Houck called the meeting to order and asked Fiscal Officer Dave Gissinger to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, (absent due to OTA Conference); Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. All Trustees were recorded as present.

Also in attendance were: Fire Chief, Adam Rockich; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles. Administrator, Anna Bryant was absent due to illness.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Healthcare Renewal: A brief discussion was held over the FormFire process and completion date of 2/14. Adam Rockich stated that it's pretty easy if you filled it out last year. We are looking at an increase of 20% from our current Medical Mutual policy. This has been a grandfathered plan, so we anticipate that we'll need to get out of it soon. Burnham and Flowers will be trying to shop for a more cost-effective plan.
2. Fire Department: SOP/SOG updates – Lexipool: Adam Rockich explained that our current SOPs and SOGs need to be updated. Lexipool will review and give a quote. One year is \$14,000 and after is around \$7,500. It's converting our old, handwritten policies to an app that the guys can have on their phones. He will check to see if there is any advantage to this with our insurance. OTARMA may offer a grant or we could opt to not do the whole thing this year. Jeff Houck stated he would be in favor of doing this.
3. KFC – Rood Drive: Laura Cowles explained that temporary signage will be installed and she will be monitoring the situation.
4. Moratorium Extension – Storage Facilities: A brief discussion was held over the moratorium's purpose and the processes that still need to be completed. Laura Cowles suggested extending it to July 15th to allow for Summit County Planning review, Zoning Commission review, and then final approval by the Trustees.
5. Lighting Repairs – Admin/FD Exterior: Adam Rockich explained that he received a quote from ANR Electric for the flag pole light as well as the five lights on the building for \$4,200. This will address the dark corner at the ADA door as well.
6. Permanent Appropriations: A workshop was set for February 27th at 9 a.m. Dave Gissinger requested that we do it in January next year. Adam Rockich stated he likes it in February so we can see what our potential healthcare increase might be.
7. Property Clean-ups: Adam Rockich and Laura Cowles discussed several properties that have come up with junk/trash issues recently. Laura Cowles explained where she's at in the notification process.
8. Motion Review: Adam Rockich gave a quick rundown of his motions on the regular agenda and asked if there were any questions from the Board. He explained financing options for the new rescue truck, current repairs that are needed to the ladder truck, air compressor system repairs, the AFG grant and SAFER. He explained that we are not able to do the SAFER grant this round without laying off current employees. BWC grant for firefighting equipment and a homeland security grant for new radio purchases.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the General Workshop. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, (absent due to OTA Conference); Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Vice Chairman



Fiscal Officer