

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of January 11, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:35 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 present.

Also in attendance were: Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger; Fire Chief, Adam Rockich; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles; and Summit County Engineer's Representative, Chuck Hauber.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Akron Water Line Extension: A brief discussion was held over which streets Akron will resurface. Lael Stouffer is meeting with Bob Geiser and Emmaline Thompson next week regarding Flynn Road and other potential issues.
2. KFC – Entrance/Water issues: Laura Cowles stated that she spoke to the property owner who suggested a “right turn only” in from Rood Drive. Chuck Hauber stated that there was a traffic study done before construction and the entrances are based on that study. He suggested meeting over there with ODOT and KFC. He doesn't want to make a decision that will cause additional issues. Some temporary signs may help. Also, KFC is fixing the stormwater/erosion issue. Their retention basin wasn't working properly.
3. Parks/Twp. Maintenance:
 - a. “Parks Advisory Committee”: George Beckham explained that he has contacted all of the members of the new committee and will be meeting in the ADA room on January 31st for their first meeting.
 - b. E. Res. Dam Improvements (CIP Funds)
 - i. Legal review – bid requirements: Anna Bryant reviewed this with Irv and we do need to go out for additional estimates. She will be meeting with several local landscape designers over the next few weeks.
2. Zoning: ZC & BZA – applicants: George Beckham stated he would like to appoint Ralph Waszack to the Zoning Commission and Sean Fremon to the BZA. Katrina Kreider was the other applicant and it was suggested that Anna Bryant email her to see if she might be interested in being a PLAC representative.
3. Fire Department: Adam Rockich advised the board that he would like to promote Lt. Langenek to the position of Captain, and Mike Gasaway to Lieutenant to fill the vacancy left by Rob Lawrence. Brian McClellan will move back to shift and Langenek will go on days. He also asked who would like to be on the negotiations team this year. We had a short contract, so this one is up at the end of the year which will allow us to see what the Levy is going to do. There are already some issues coming up with the current contract, so he stated he would like to meet soon. It was decided that Anna Bryant and Jeff Houck continue to work on the negotiations team with Adam and legal counsel as needed.
4. Vaughn Rd. Property
 - a. Status/next steps: Adam Rockich stated that the FD will continue to train on the structure until it is ready to tear down. Lael Stouffer and George Beckham are working on asbestos abatement. Lael stated that he is contacting the approved land bank contractors for estimates.
5. Phone and Copier System Upgrades
 - a. Quotes from Toshiba and DEX – Anna Bryant advised that she and Kelly have reviewed the options from Toshiba and DEX. The contract from DEX will consolidate our vendors and help us save a considerable amount on our monthly costs. Anna Bryant explained that Toshiba was close, but she has not been overly impressed with their customer service and outreach over the last five years. She advised that there is a motion on regular agenda

6. PLD – Street Light Upgrades: Dave Gissinger explained that we have a deal with what we currently have. They will eventually force us to upgrade. When he looked at it, it was going to be an increase of about \$1,800 to \$3,300. A brief discussion was held over globe replacement on the decorative lamps along Portage Lakes Drive. Anna Bryant stated that she would email Amy to see what could be done.
7. OTA – Winter Conference – Feb. 7th-9th: George Beckham attending for the Township. Anna Bryant will reserve a hotel room and register him for the conference.

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 6:26 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer