

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting of January 4, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Coventry ADA Room, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319, to discuss the 2024 Organizational Resolution, ARPA Funds and Parks.

Call to Order:

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.

Fiscal Officer David Gissinger, and Fire Chief, Adam Rockich were also in attendance.

2024 Organizational Resolution: changes and additions from the 2023 Organizational Resolution were discussed, including the addition of "Township Trick-or-Treat Night" to the 2024 Organizational Resolution. Due to many requests from residents, the date and time will be changed to the last Saturday of October instead of the last Sunday with a set time of 5:30 – 8 pm. Zoning Board members Jack Cousins and Andrew Shriner will be reappointed. Cell phone reimbursements for department heads will increase to \$50 per month and \$300 annually for fire officers and the road foreman. Several fire department response fees will also be increased. The final draft of the Resolution will be discussed at the workshop and regular meeting on January 11th.

ARPA Funds

- Logan Fieldhouse: Edward Diebold stated the bid docs should be ready by the end of January. We are currently at around \$750,000 for the project, not including the water line and parking lot repaving. A brief discussion was held over the additional cost for water and paving.
- Balance of Funds: a discussion was held over the funds that will remain after the Logan Fieldhouse project is complete, which we are estimating to be roughly around \$250,000. There was a discussion over putting the money toward a fire rescue truck, which will cost over \$800k, or toward further park improvements. A brief discussion was held over fire department funding and the upcoming levy replacement in the fall.

Parks

- Dam Property – a discussion was held over landscaping estimates and drawings received from Bluegrass Landscape for the dam walking path design. Anna Bryant advised that Irv is looking into our competitive bidding requirements and should have some guidance before the regular meeting.
- Lockwood – finish remodel in spring: A discussion was held over the remaining projects at Lockwood and funding needed to complete them. Funds will need to be allocated for fencing, playground, walking path and landscaping. Adam Rockich suggested the possibility of saving some money by having volunteers help assemble the playground. Anna Bryant stated that Dennis Ott has been handling quotes for that, so she will have him see about whether it's feasible and what the discount might be.
- Parks Advisory Committee: George Beckham stated he has 5 applicants and reached out to the youth sports organizations, but did not hear anything back from any of them. He plans on this being an informal committee to help with ideas for our parks. He will announce the members of the committee at the regular meeting. Anna Bryant suggested inviting the youth organizations to the committee meetings.

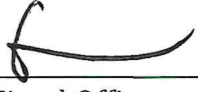
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. 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 11:16 a.m.

Edward D. Dadd

Chairman



Fiscal Officer