

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of March 14, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

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; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles.

Topics for Discussion:

1. SSWCD MS4 Presentation:

Anna Bryant advised that Natalie Schroder will do a PowerPoint presentation to start the meeting for the public education component of our permit.

2. Library 150th Year Proclamation:

Anna Bryant explained that the library requested this proclamation. It will just be a statement at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Healthcare Renewal:

Anna Bryant explained that Burnham & Flowers was able to get them down from the proposed 21%, to an increase of 13.9%. (last year was a 22% increase) Marketplace options were higher, for less inclusive plans and several carriers declined to quote.

4. Parks:

a. Lockwood

i. Playground Bids: Anna Bryant explained that Dennis Ott came back to her with two quotes on playground equipment. DWA Recreation/Gametime is our best option at \$32,585. Meyer Design quoted a similar configuration at \$44,652. We need to get this ordered to have the set installed as soon as possible. They will try to squeeze us into their schedule, or we could opt to have volunteers help install.

ii. Parking area/culvert: Edward Diebold explained that he is meeting with Bertolini to get this aspect handled.

iii. Fencing Replacement: Anna Bryant shared the quote that Dennis Ott received from Sentry Fence. It will be \$29,000 to replace the perimeter fencing. that will be the last step to complete the project after the walkway and landscaping.

b. Dam Walkway: Anna Bryant presented the Board with the three proposals she received from GroundPro, Bluegrass, and Lucas Landscape. Lucas and Bluegrass were comparable, but Bluegrass came in lower and gave us more options. A motion to choose one of the bids will be on the regular agenda.

c. Logan Fieldhouse: A brief discussion was held over plan changes regarding fire suppression. Bids are almost ready to go out. The Board didn't want to hold that up to redo plans for a sprinkler system and additional space needed in the control room. The fieldhouse is under the threshold for needing sprinklers. Fire/smoke alarms will be added at a later date.

5. Connect 5k Race:

Adam Rockich explained that this group has done this race for several years and it doesn't involve any County roads. The Sheriff's Office and the City of Green have approved their portion. EMS will be on standby.

6. NOPEC – motions on the Regular Agenda:

Anna Bryant explained that the NEC Grant will be used for Garage Door Replacement this year. The doors are old and inefficient, especially the wooden ones under her and Laura's offices. We will also apply for the NOPEC Sponsorship Grant which will give us \$750 towards our Tree Lighting Event.

7. Fire Department:

- a. Garage Door Replacement: Adam Rockich went into more detail about why the garage doors need to be replaced. NOPEC funds will be used over the next several years to offset our costs.
- b. Executive Session – employee compensation
- c. Chase Vehicle: Adam Rockich explained that as discussed during appropriations, he would like to purchase another chase/supervisor vehicle. Captain Langenek responds to a lot of calls off-duty, and this will give him a quicker response with more command equipment when needed. His current vehicle will go to the Captain and he will purchase a new 2023 Expedition as a Chief's vehicle.

8. Road Department:

Lael Stouffer explained that he has a motion on the regular agenda for asbestos abatement at 171 Vaughn. He also stated he has a motion for tree removal for the township-owned property at Portage Point and Ponciana known as the "triangle." Two trees have to come down, but there are 4-5 more that should come down. He stated he is trying to be more proactive with these trees. Each time we have the tree company come out we have to pay for a crane, so it's more cost-effective to do these all at once. We also have a tree at Pleasant Valley Cemetery. The total cost will be \$10,250 if we want to do all of the trees at once.

9. Zoning Department:

- a. Marijuana moratorium: George Beckham explained the sections in the zoning code regarding marijuana dispensaries. He suggested we take out the word "medical." He stated he feels we should do something since it has been legalized, and asked for comments. Laura Cowles stated that she feels removing the word "medical" would help. It will still be a conditional use, regardless.
- b. Laura Cowles explained trends and current issues she's seeing. Short Term Rental issues have increased dramatically. There was some discussion over increasing the permit fee. She stated that Pick's Conditional Use renewal is on the agenda for the March 20th BZA meeting.

10. TASC Meeting – April 2nd

- a. New Summit County Dispatch Center: George Beckham stated that each month the meeting moves to a different place within the County. He felt this would be a good meeting if any of the other members wanted to attend, it will include a tour of the new facility.
- b. Adam Rockich briefly discussed some issues they're seeing with dispatch delays from the new center.

11. Community Center:

Anna Bryant stated she would like to have Dennis Ott get some updated quotes on exterior stucco repair and painting, as well as revamping the sign. The Road Department did a great job pulling all of the landscaping out, so now would be the time to look at drainage and any concrete repair that is needed. Lael Stouffer mentioned the old concrete on the side of the building is heaving, and it might be a good idea to look into re-facing the chimney.

12. Customer Service:

Jeff Houck just wanted to remind everyone as we get into the warmer months that our community is more active and more issues arise. We are here to always take care of the residents and should do our best to promote positive customer service, even when the answer is "no."

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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 6:41 p.m.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer