

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting of October 3, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Coventry ADA Room, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319, to discuss the Logan Field House Project, Ingleside Park, Community Center Improvements, Dispatch costs, the Fire & EMS Levy and to go into Executive Session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees.

Call to Order:

George Beckham called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Davis 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, Rob Henwood.

Logan Field House Project

Anna Davis advised that Paragon Builders & Developers was the low bidder with a \$1,000,000 Proposal with \$25,000 alternate package. She explained that Irv Sugeran advised that we acknowledge Paragon Builders and Developers as the apparent low bidder for the Logan Field House Project pending a pre-acceptance conference with Township Counsel and his associates. Township Counsel will make a recommendation to the Board by the October 10th Regular Meeting. George Beckham stated he was fine with that. He asked if Anna would be present for the conference. She said if Irv thought she should be, then sure, if she is still in town since she is leaving for vacation next Wednesday. Edward Diebold stated he would be happy to be involved in any discussion if needed.

Ingleside Park

Funding for fencing improvements. Dave Gissinger explained that one of the players' dads owns a fencing company and is donating all of the labor at no cost. He will be meeting with them to see what they want to do exactly next week. Discussion was held over the replacement of the home run fencing and backstops.

241003-01 George Beckham made a motion to approve a Blanket Certificate for the amount of \$10,000 for Ingleside Park fencing. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Center - Doors

Lael Stouffer explained that the waterproofing project was much more extensive than anyone anticipated and led to the need to replace doors and concrete around the Community Center. These next two motions are for those items.

241003-02 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve a purchase order to Lewis Construction in the amount of \$10,000 to replace the basement exit door and the side exit door of the Community Center. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Center – Concrete Replacement

Lael Stouffer explained that the sidewalk will be replaced up against the building and will slope water away. Butcher will then come in and grade everything to keep the water sloping away. The patio can be replaced at a later time if the Board wishes to do so. He suggested that we wait until the water line comes through to resurface the parking lot and do any exterior finish work on the building.

241003-03 George Beckham made a motion to approve a purchase order to Cardinal Asphalt in the amount of \$15,000 to replace the concrete patio and sidewalk at the Community Center. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

South Summit Dispatch Cost Increase

Adam Rockich explained that South Summit Dispatch used to bill us at a fixed rate of \$80,000 per year. They are now changing that to a per-call rate of \$44 per call, which will bring our cost up to \$110,000 per year, plus a 3% increase each year over the next three years if we sign a contract with them. He explained that he spoke to George Beckham about this when he got the news, and was asked to check with the new Summit County Dispatch Center to see what they would charge. He received an unofficial estimate of \$50,000. There are plusses and minuses to going with them. He discussed the positives and negatives as well as the logistics of what he deals with as far as dispatch is concerned. He will continue to do some research and come back with a firm recommendation for the Board.

Fire & EMS Levy - Issue 23

A brief discussion was held over advertising efforts, yard signs, flyer handouts, etc.

Executive Session

George Beckham made a motion to adjourn to executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned to executive session at 10:19 a.m.

Convened executive session at 10:19 a.m.

Discussion:

Motion to adjourn executive session:

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

Adjourned executive session at 10:58 a.m.

Reconvened regular session at 10:58 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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 10:59 a.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer