

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of January 9, 2025

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees will meet for a General Workshop on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:00 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 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; Zoning Inspector, Rob Henwood, and administrative assistant, Coreina Spencer.

Topics for Discussion:


1. Year End – Organizational Resolution Review: Anna Davis asked if there were any additional changes since the final draft of the organizational resolution had been sent out. There were none. There was a brief discussion held over Chairman and Vice Chairman nominations for 2025.
2. Parks:
 - a. Parks Advisory Committee: A discussion was held regarding the Parks Advisory Committee and it's focus for the year. George Beckham stated that he sees it being more of a special events committee at this point rather than and actual parks board. The members are mainly interested in developing activities surrounding the Clock Tower area like the Christmas event and Food Truck events. There was discussion over setting up a meeting sometime in the next few weeks.
 - b. Logan Field House Project: Anna Davis advised that 4-Points is setting up a meeting with RBS to begin the Logan Fieldhouse Construction process. We are anticipating a 4-6-month timeline.
 - c. Cottage Grove Parking Lot: Lael Stouffer explained that he wanted to discuss the Cottage Grove Baseball Parking Lot along with the paving project. They would typically do it at the same time as the roadway with chip and seal. He wanted to make sure that was the direction the Board wanted him to go so he can add it into the bid. It can be added in as an alternate. Jeff Houck stated that he is fine with what we have done in the past. Lael Stouffer advised that it needs leveled and 405.
 - d. Community Center Improvement plans for 2025: there was a discussion over the status of the well at the Community Center. It was noticed that there was no water in the building prior to the beginning of the meeting. Anna Davis sent an email to Emmaline Thompson with Akron Water to notify her of the issue and will follow up with her and the contractor in the morning to resolve the issue. There are renters in the building over the weekend. Anna Davis discussed improvement plans for the building for 2025, stating it its heavily used by the public and needs some interior updates as far as paint, and drywall crack repairs. She stated once water is hooked up she would like to have the bathrooms renovated since the fixtures are pretty corroded. We can then paint, and seal exterior cracks in the building and landscape.
 - e. Parks Truck: Lael Stouffer explained the need to have a truck to pull mowers and parks maintenance equipment. The existing, 22-year-old truck is in bad shape and will be getting to the point that it is not longer safe. He will be looking for a replacement which could also be used as a backup for plowing. There was some discussion over purchasing a used truck versus new and outfitting it so that it can sub when another truck is down.
3. Fire Department: Adam Rockich explained that he would like to promote Brian Langenek to the position of Deputy Chief and then fill the lieutenants' position left by Brian McClellan's resignation next month.

4. Road Department: Lael Stouffer discussed clean up efforts after the recent wind storm activity as well as routine snow removal. He explained that he will be working with the County Engineer on developing the road resurfacing program for this year. There was some discussion over a wooded area that the Township owns. Jeff Houck explained that he received a call from a resident asking us to remove trees from it, that he feels are a hazard to his property. Lael Stouffer explained that unless the trees are dead or diseased we are not obligated to remove them. He said he would take a look at the area.
5. Zoning Department Updates: Rob Henwood and George Beckham discussed the applications received for the open alternate seats to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. George Beckham noted two that really stood out to him, one is a planning director for the City of Alliance, previously at the City of Barberton and then another applicant is an attorney. There were three other applications received. George Beckham stated that he did speak to all of them, we really don't have any bad options. Rob Henwood advised the Board of permit activity in the zoning office as well as upcoming hearings. He made them aware of a property issue that could turn into potential litigation.
6. Akron Water Line Project: it was discovered that there was no water in the Community Center building upon arriving for the meeting.
7. F.D. Retention and Resilience Grant repayment: Adam Rockich advised the Board that we will need to repay \$4,000 toward the grant we received for Brian McClellan since he left before his obligation. He has been notified that he will have to repay the Township those funds.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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 5:36 p.m.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer