

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of April 10, 2025

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 5:00 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 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 Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer, Zoning Inspector, Rob Henwood, Summit County Engineer's Office Representative, Chuck Hauber, and Summit County Sheriff's Representative, Capt. Dave McCutcheon.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Drainage Study – Penguin Apartments/Hinman Ditch: Chuck Hauber advised the Board that the project has been selected to utilize the County's ARPA funds. As everyone here knows, this area has been an issue for many years regarding flooding. This project will replace the culvert under I-277/224 and regrade and expand retention basins. It is in the final design phase. The Board must file a ditch petition if the Township wishes to proceed with this project. The County will notify affected owners and explain the project at no cost to the Township. There was further discussion over the history of the flooding of the Hinman ditch and the Penguin/Swartz area. A motion for the ditch petition will be added to the regular agenda for tonight's regular meeting.
2. ReWorks Community Recycling Access Grant: Anna Davis advised that the drop-off dates will be May 3rd and 17th. The motion for the grant approval is on the regular agenda.
3. Request to purchase property – W. Rhine parcel 1909036: Anna Davis explained that she received a phone call from Mr. Livers at 429 W. Rhine, requesting to buy property owned by the Township, which is adjacent to his property. He made this request several years ago, but we told him we could not sell due to the community wells on the parcel. Now that the wells are being decommissioned, he is asking again. He says the neighbors have no interest in the property. George Beckham stated he would like Mr. Livers to have the neighbors write letters saying they don't want it. He needs to do the title work to prove that none of the other neighbors have rights of access/easement to the lake and have it all surveyed. He said he should do the work if he wants the property.
4. Fire Department (Adam out of town at FDIC): Anna Davis noted that there one motion was added to the agenda for LDH fire hose replacement purchase due to failed hose testing that was done yesterday.
5. Road Department: Lael Stouffer stated that tree removal requests from Township property come up frequently, and he wants consistency. The most recent request is for Township property near 163 W. Wellock. He explained that Mr. King had a tree come down on his property and did some damage last year, and he is now concerned that more trees will do the same. He had a tree company come out to quote removal, which will be \$2,500. Those trees are not dead. He stated he feels we need a policy. There was discussion over other requests for tree removal that the Trustees have received recently. George Beckham and Jeff Houck stated they have both looked at this issue. Edward Diebold said he doesn't want to act on this tonight; he'd like to develop a policy first.
6. Zoning Department Updates: Rob Henwood advised that the Marijuana text change hearing has been scheduled for April 21st at the Community Center at 10 am due to the notice not being sent out timely.
7. Parks:
 - a. Anna Davis asked the Board about their thoughts on the Bluegrass maintenance proposal that she emailed to everyone. George Beckham and Lael Stouffer shared their thoughts on the metal pieces coming up through the crushed concrete. George Beckham said he doesn't mind a maintenance plan, but we need to make sure the things that were installed are correct. It hasn't even been a year. He also discussed drainage concerns. Anna Davis pointed out that Bluegrass didn't change the grade and that the area was always low-lying before the walkway went in. She stated she

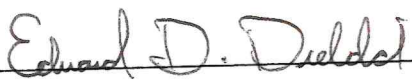
would meet with TJ at Bluegrass to walk the property with Lael and George to discuss issues and a plan going forward.


- b. Pavers: Anna Davis stated that she has begun looking into starting the paver program to fill in the unused paver sections at the Clock Tower. Midwest Engraving out of Wadsworth is who the City of Green uses for theirs. They have an online website set-up (EZEngraver – online ordering website set-up). This can be done as a fundraiser, which could be used towards the parks or future events. She will be contacting a rep to see what all of our options are.
 - c. Logan Field House Update: Edward Diebold stated we are breaking ground. We are still working with Akron to lower the price to connect to water.
 - d. Community Center: Anna Davis advised that she has set up a meeting with a contractor for next Thursday to quote renovations at the Community Center. The work will involve drywall repair, paint, and a full renovation of both bathrooms. This contractor was found through Gordian, which is part of Sourcewell cooperative purchasing. They are already under the State contract pricing and work on other municipal projects throughout the State. We can then compare pricing with local contractors to see our best options.
8. OTARMA Renewal: Anna Davis advised that we have just received our OTARMA Renewal as of this afternoon. It was a 28% increase over last year, up \$21,657.81. She explained that something that is also hurting us this year is that they have done away with the OTARMA loyalty credit, which usually softens the blow by about \$7,000. This is an unprecedented increase, but we have to have liability insurance. She stated she put a motion on the agenda at the last minute, but we can table it if the Board wishes to review it further. We will have until the May 10th meeting if we choose to wait due to OTARMA's delay in sending the final paperwork. Our regular deadline is April 28th.
9. Greer Water Service Request Lori Kreitzburg: Anna Davis advised that she has been corresponding with Bob Geiser at Akron Water & Ms. Kreitzburg regarding her request for water. Mr. Geiser put together a preliminary plan for Greer Rd. and figured that the cost to install water for homeowners in that area would be \$155 per foot/frontage (total cost on average = approx. \$27,000 to run water per property owner). Ms. Kreitzburg has shared with me that she is looking at drilling her third well since owning the property, which is why she is interested in water. She would be willing to pay that amount, but doesn't believe her neighbors would support a petition. Anna Davis said she referred her to the Health Department to see if they could do anything to assist.

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 5:56 p.m.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer