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**OFFICIAL  
COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 20, 2022**

The Coitsville Township Board of Trustees met for a Regular Meeting on April 20, 2022 at the Coitsville Townhall with the following members present Mr. Backo- Chairperson, Mrs. Johnson –Vice Chairperson, Mr. Alfano- Trustee,

**Call to Order**

Mr. Backo led the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Mr. Backo called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Alfano made motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye, Backo-aye. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**ROAD REPORT**

Mr. Beck was unable to attend due to a conflict of meeting times with his Township Supervisor Position in Pa. Mr. Backo reported that the road department has been working on filling potholes and plowing snow. The township will hold a Spring Clean up from April 29- May 8, 2022 from 8:00am to 4:00 pm. Postcards have been sent out to all residents. The road department has also been working on cleaning up litter in the ditches. Mahoning County is working on cross over pipes and they are hoping not to have to close the roads on Oak Street and Cooper Road while they are working on the pipes. Mahoning County will be paving some County Roads in the township in late summer. The roads include Johnson Road and Villa Marie from S. Hubbard Road to Bedford Road. The County is still one year behind with their OPWC projects due to COVID. Mr. Backo is working with ODOT to secure a contract for salt this coming year.

## **ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Kurilla discussed the CDBG Grant for demolition of blight homes that he has been working on with Fire Chief Warren and Trustees Johnson. Mr. Kurilla reported that he is working on researching the process to notify home owners if we receive the grant. Mrs. Johnson said she will attend the Mahoning County Commissioners meeting and give our presentation for the CDBG project. The Commissioners have said that only five projects will be funded. Mr. Kurrilla also discussed a property on South Hubbard Road that was cited regarding their zoning violations. He indicated that there is a new property owner and they are doing work on the pond on the property and they are aware the equipment at the edge of the road needs to be moved.

**FIRE REPORT.** Chief Warren gave a detailed report that is on file at the Fire Station. Chief Warren reported that he will be purchasing the airpacks from the FEMA grant that we received. The Total Cost of the airpacks are \$120,000 and the township has a match of 10%. The 16 airpacks have been put in service and the Chief requested that the board deem the old packs unserviceable and donate them to the Ukraine.

**Resolution 04-20-2022-01** Mr. Alfano made motion to deem the Fire Department's old airpacks , which are no longer able to be recertified, as unserviceable and donate them to the Ukraine. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye, Backo-aye.

Chief Warren reported that the township is currently in ISO review which sets our insurance rating . We are currently at a 5. The goal is to maintain or improve the ISO rating. The Chief is expecting to get additional points for having a set dispatch and water hydrants.

The Chief also reminded residents that we partner with the Red Cross in a smoke detector program. The firefighters will provide the smoke detector and the installation. You just need to contact the department and the firefighters will come to your home and install the smoke detectors.

Chief Warren also reported that Victory Christian donated six camera's to locate a person's body heat in the fire and help the firefighters locate people in the home. He had the camera's on display at the meeting.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Morris gave a detailed monthly report that is on file at the Police Station. He reviewed the need for the Police Levy that is on the ballot in May. He also answered questions from residents regarding the levy. He reported that donations were made to purchase signs and send out fliers to residents regarding the need for the levy.

## **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT-**

Mrs. Partika presented the financial reports to the trustees and department heads for review. She asked for approval of the following motions:

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**Resolution 4-20-2022-02** Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the March Bank Reconciliation, the March Cash Summary by Fund, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Fund Summary Status and Payment List containing warrants 23127-23137 and Electronic Payments 131-2022 to 181-2022. Mr. Alfano seconded the motion. Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye, Backo-aye. Motion approved.

**Resolution 4-20-2022-03** Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the charges to the March 2022 credit card statement presented to the trustees to review and approve. Mr. Alfano seconded. Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye, Backo-aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution 4-20-2022-04** Mr. Alfano made a motion to approve a Workers Compensation Contract with Sedwig in the amount of \$975.00. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye, Backo-aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution 04-20-2022-05** Mr. Backo made a motion to approve placing the NOPEC 2022 grant of \$1748.00 in escrow this year. Mr. Alfano seconded. Backo-aye, Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye. Motion passed.

**Public Comments-** Comments were made by Mrs. Pat Fitch, Anne Bunofsky, Alessio Pica, Shirley Eckly, Diane Nemenz and Richard Scarcella from the William Homes McGuffey Society.

Mr. Backo reported that he was at the pond on the McGuffey Property today and that the dock has been removed because it was deemed a hazard by the park. Mr. Alfano reminded the members of the Society that at the last meeting they attended the Board of Trustees committed to contacting the Director of Mill Creek park and going out to the property when the weather became warmer and they could go out to the property to discuss what could be done with the pond. Mr. Scarcella discussed how the pond can be cleaned up. He is requesting the pond be dredged and said that half the pond has already turned into a wetland. He is fighting to retain the part of the pond that still has the water. The society would at least like part of the pond to be fixed. Mr. Scarcella said not having a dock makes the pond less accessible. He also had photos of the facility which he said shows the facility is not maintained. Mr. Alfano said that he will contact Aaron Young and set up a meeting with the Trustees before the next meeting on May 18, 2022.

### **Communications**

Mr. Backo reported that he received communication from Armstrong Cable reported that their rates will be increasing.

### **Old Business:**

**Audit Committee-** Mrs. Johnson made a motion to appoint Grimilda Ocasio to serve on the Coitsville Township Audit Committee for a term of four years ending on December 31, 2025. Mr. Alfano seconded the motion. Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye, Backo-aye. Motion passed.

**Zoning Alternate** -Mr. Backo made a motion to appoint Cindy Stregas to serve as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate with a term ending December 31, 2025. Mr. Alfano seconded. Backo-aye, Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye. Motion passed.

**Adjourn:**

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Backo seconded. Johnson-aye, Backo-aye, Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

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**ATTEST**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

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**TRUSTEE**