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**OFFICIAL
COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2022**

The Coitsville Township Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on February 16, 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 called the meeting to order and asked for roll call and led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Backo made motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022. Mr. Alfano seconded the motion. Backo-aye, Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye. Motion passed.

Special Guest:

Richard Scarcella spoke about the McGuffey Homestead which began in 1961 and was made it national historic land mark. The historical society gave the property to Mill Creek Park in 1998 with \$15,000.00, which did not have an investment requirement but was expected to be used for maintenance. He explained that he was having issues getting Mill Creek Park to maintain the property at the wildlife preserve. He explained that they need to dredge the pond and that Mill Creek does not have plans to do that. The family pond and the well are two key features of the National Historic Landmark. He asked the Trustees for their support in lobbying Mill Creek to properly maintain the property specifically the pond and the well. He is concerned the property will soon be a swamp. He also introduced Mr. and Mrs. Eckley who were in attendance. Shirley is a descendent of William Holmes McGuffey and spoke about the treasure we have at the Homestead as well as her memories and history as a descendent.

Mr. Alfano asked what was promised in return for the donation given to Mill Creek Park. Mr. Scarcella explained that they have done a very nice job of working on the property in the past however they have refused to do anything in regards to the pond. Mrs. Johnson said she spoke with Aaron Young from Mill Creek Park regarding the situation but there was some confusion regarding the request. The Trustees will plan to meet with representatives from the park to discuss this situation further. Mrs. Johnson explained that Coitsville Township and the Coitsville Board of Trustees have always been extremely supportive of the McGuffey Homestead Wildlife Preserve as well as the William Holmes McGuffey Society.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Beck was unable to attend. Mr. Backo reported that the road department is working on snowplowing the roads and starting to work on filling pot holes.

ZONING REPORT

Mr. Kurilla was unable to attend.

FIRE REPORT Lieutenant Dutton gave a detailed fire report. He reminded everyone that the Fire Department offers free smoke detectors to residents and that they will come out and install them as well. Members of the department have been out installing smoke detectors and would like everyone to spread the word that they are available. The department is anticipating receiving several grants this year and the Chief has been working with the Fiscal Officer to prepare for the grants including ones from FEMA, Department of Natural Resources and a SCBA Grant and a shared grant with the Mahoning County Fire Chief's Association. He also reported that the department received a donation of \$5,600 from Victory Christian Center to cover the cost of eight new mini thermal cameras and chargers. They are extremely grateful for this donation. Members of the department are continuing to be trained and working of maintenance at the department.

Attorney Comstock has finished his review and the recommended changes have been made and agreed upon by Medi-count. Medi-count services many other communities at an 8 % of recovery and no annual fee. They have agreed to a contract of 6% recovery and annual fee for our township. There will be no cost annually unless we use them.

He introduced our Medi-count Representative Michelle who went over what their agency does regarding EMS billing.

Lieutenant Dutton said that Lanes Ambulance will continue to be our primary transport. We will only use the Coitsville Township Ambulance as a backup in the event that lane is unavailable. If we do need to use the Coitsville Ambulance they will bill the patient's insurance company and the township can determine what the fee will be in the event the insurance doesn't cover the ambulance.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Morris was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed monthly report to the Trustees. Trustee Johnson reported that in the event that a shift cannot be covered by our department the Sheriff will cover our township at no charge.

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:

Resolution 2-16-2022-01 Mr. Backo made a motion to approve the January Bank Reconciliation, the January Cash Summary by Fund, Budget vs Appropriated Report, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Payment List containing warrants 23083-23108 and Electronic Payments 31-2022 to 75-2022. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Backo-aye Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 2-16-2022-02 Mr. Backo made a motion to approve the charges to the January 2022 credit card statement presented to the trustees to review and approve. Mr. Alfano seconded. Backo-aye, Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye. Motion passed

Resolution 2-16-2022-03 Mr. Backo made a motion to approve the following changes to the 2022 appropriations. Mrs. Johnson seconded. Backo-aye, Johnsonaye, Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

02/01/2022	02/16/2022	2081-820-820-0000	-\$120.00
02/01/2022	02/16/2022	2081-830-830-0000	\$120.00
02/01/2022	02/16/2022	2111-820-820-0000	-\$933.20
02/01/2022	02/16/2022	2111-830-830-0000	\$933.20

Public comments- There were no public comments at this time.

Communications-

Armstrong Communication sent a letter that their rates will be increasing.

Old Business:

Audit Committee-Tabled until the next meeting.

Zoning Alternate -Tabled until the next meeting.

William Homes McGuffey-Tabled until the Trustees can meet with representatives from Mill Creek Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning- Mr. Kurilla submitted a list of demolition homes to the land bank for demolition.

ODOT- Mrs. Johnson reported that we have not heard back on the sidewalk project that was submitted to the ODOT Grant program.

Week of Hope Resolution- Mrs. Johnson presented the following resolution of support received from Struthers Mayor Cat Miller for approval.

Resolution 2-16-2022- Mr. Alfano made a motion to pass a resolution in support of the Week of Hope, Celebrating Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences

Whereas, the mental and physical health of children and youth is important to families, communities, health care workers, and service providers across Coitsville Township.

Whereas, Services for children and families in Coitsville Township have incorporated trauma-informed care, based on the knowledge that adverse childhood experiences (ACES) can cause long-term harm to physical and mental health.

Whereas, more recent research has shown that brain development is improved through Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs); and,

Whereas, PCEs significantly decrease the risk of poor mental health and depression even among those of us who have experienced significant adversity as children; and

Whereas, we now know that resilient communities can improve the chances that children will experience connection, safe places to live, learn and play, and have opportunities to engage with others. These key experiences go a long way to reducing the lifelong effects adverse community environments in Coitsville Township; and

Whereas, families cannot provide PCEs alone; Coitsville Township can enter into partnerships that help create the strong families and communities that lead our children into lifelong health; and

Whereas, there is HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences) for all Coitsville Township families and within their families, because childhood adversity is not destiny; and

Whereas, the Week of HOPE is a national effort supported by families, scientists, non-profits, research centers and institutes, universities, and government agencies to raise awareness about the significance of Positive Childhood Experiences in child, youth, and family services and supports, research, and policymaking; and Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Coitsville Township, do hereby proclaim March 7th - 11th, 2022 as the Coitsville Township the Week of HOPE.

Mr. Backo seconded. Alfano-aye, Backo-aye, Johnson-aye. Motion passed.

Adjourn:

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

ATTEST

CHAIRPERSON

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

TRUSTEE