

**OFFICIAL
COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2024**

The Coitsville Township Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on February 21, 2024 at the Coitsville Townhall with the following members present Mr. James Alfano-Chairperson, Mrs. Phyllis Johnson –Vice Chairperson, Mr. Gerald Backo-Trustee.

Call to Order

Mr. Alfano called the meeting to order and asked for roll call and led the pledge of allegiance. He also asked for a moment of silence for the residents that have passed away.

Approval of Minutes Mrs. Johnson made motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2024 and Special Meeting on March 6, 2024 Mr. Backo seconded the motion. Johnson-aye, Backo-aye Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Beck was unable to attend. Mr. Backo reported the crews have been busy filling pot holes. He met with the Mahoning County Engineer's office and discussed paving roads in the township for this year.

ZONING REPORT

Mr. Kurilla reported summarized the progress on the Wilson Lane Property. He published a notice in the paper since the certified letters were returned. A written request for the appeal must be received by March 26, 2024. At that time the Trustees will need to hold a special meeting to finalize the order to demolish the house and a lien will be put on the property.

He also reported that the phase II of the demolition project has been completed. In regards to the final Demolishen on Oak Street. There was an additional \$3000.00 charge to go to a special landfill due to asbestos. Mr. Kurilla requested the trustees pass a motion to approve a change order of an additional \$3,000.00 to pay for the special landfill that was needed for the asbestos.

He also reported that the Mahoning County Commissioners passed resolution to ban solar wind farms in Coitsville Township as requested by the township Trustees. The ban was passed on March 6, 2024 and will go into effect April 8, 2024.

Mr. Kurilla also reported that three prosecutors have looked at the Poland Twp. Resolution on Dog Tethering and gave the Trustees a copy of the ORC in Cruelty to animals. There was discussion on whether the township should pass their own resolution. Mr. Alfano recommended the board move forward with the resolution and Mr. Backo and Mrs. Johnson agree. Mr. Kurilla will prepare the resolution and send to the prosecutors for review.

POLICE REPORT Chief Morris gave a detailed report that is on file at the police station. He requested the board approve ordering a new cruiser with equipment for no more than \$70,000. Mr. Alfano made a motion to approve ordering a new police cruiser and equipment for no more than \$70,000. Mrs. Johnson seconded. Mr. Alfano-aye, Mrs. Johnson -aye, Mr. Backo-aye. Motion passed.

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 3-20-2024-01 Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the February Bank Reconciliation, the February Cash Summary by Fund, Budget vs Appropriated Report, February Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Payment List containing EFT 84-2024-118-2024 and warrants 23789-237807. Mr. Backo seconded. Johnson-aye, Backo-aye, Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

Resolution 3-20-2024-02 Mr. Backo made a motion to approve the charges on February Credit Card Charges. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Backo-aye, Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

Resolution 3-20-2024-03 Mr. Alfano made a motion to approve the permanent appropriations totaling \$1,463,962.04. Mr. Backo seconded. Alfano-aye, Backo-aye, Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

Public comments- There were public comments by David Kolat, Fred Collet and Cindy Brown.

Communications- There were no communications at this time.

Old Business: Mr. Backo made a motion to approve the change order of \$3,000 to cover the cost of special disposal of asbestos. Mrs. Johnson seconded. Backo-aye, Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Johnson presented a bid from a landscaper to repair the sidewalk at the Memorial Park to be paid by the ODOT grant with the remainder used for landscaping at the Memorial Park to get ready for the Flag Day on Friday, June 14, 2024. Celebration that will honor the Township Veterans and our Police and Fire Departments.

Mrs. Johnson announced that Mahoning County Prosecutor Gina DeGenova will attend the April meeting to discuss the resolution regulating marijuana dispensary's in the township.

Fire Department Recognition:

Chief Warren gave out Volunteer Fire Department Awards for 2023. Chief Warren thanked the board for securing funding for the new addition on the fire department.

Chief Warren recognized the following:

Water Rescue Team:

Stephani Schiavone,

Candace Maker,

Nick Maker,

Jerry Backo,

Community Awards:

Outstanding Community Support

Ladies Auxiliary outstanding community supporter

Dresher and Associates outstanding business supporter

Most Drills Attended

Captain Bob Dutton

Lieutenant Matt Smith

Most Called Attended

Lieutenant Matt Smith

Fire Fighter of the Year

Captain Gerald Backo

Fire Officer of the Year

Lieutenant Nick Maker

EMT of the Year

Lieutenant Matt Smith

Life Saving Award

Lieutenant Matt Smith

Firefighter Early Boylen

EMT Sarah Rolland

Service Awards

One year- Antonio Lightner

Cadet

Ten Year- Nick Maker

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST

CHAIRPERSON

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

TRUSTEE