

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting of November 10, 2011**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Coventry Township Town Hall.

Chairperson Tom Seese called the meeting to order and asked Fiscal Officer Joni Murgatroyd to record the following Trustees present: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. All Trustees were recorded present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by those present.

Approval of Minutes

111110-01 Dave Bulgrin made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2011. Brenda Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Tom Seese asked if there was any old business to come before the Board?

Joni Murgatroyd stated that she had none.

Joni Murgatroyd read the following Fiscal Officer's Note: Pursuant to O.R.C. Section 9.24 all contractors or vendors to be considered for awards hereafter have been certified to have No Findings for Recovery as determined upon review of the State Auditor's Findings for Recovery Database on or before November 10, 2011.

New Business:

CDBG S. Bender/Iris Avenue Culvert Replacement Project Bids

Joni Murgatroyd reported that we received sealed bids for this project on October 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. They were publicly opened and read at that time. The bids we received were as follows:

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| 1. | Ray Bertolini Trucking Co. | \$ 99,428.02 |
| 2. | Jet Excavating Co.         | \$140,942.15 |

She advised that the Summit County Engineer's Office has reviewed the bids and have recommended Ray Bertolini Trucking Co. as the bidder.

111110-02 Tom Seese made a motion to approve the bid of Ray Bertolini Trucking Co. in the amount of \$99,428.02, as recommended by the Summit County Engineer's Office, for the S. Bender/Iris Culvert Replacement Project. Brenda Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Township Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Discussion

Tom Seese stated let's discuss Ingleside Park. He asked David Calderone if he would like to start.

David Calderone stated that everybody knows from coming to the meetings or reading the papers that we've been having problems with the parking situation at Ingleside park. Quite honestly there is just too much street parking. We've been doing a few things and we've moved field one. A few years ago we put parking behind the home-run fence at field one. That helped

but it's not corrected the problem. In an effort to improve that, working with the Portage Lakes Girls Fastpitch commission, we negotiated a new length which brought the fence in about 50-60 feet. It effectively doubled the parking that was there. They actually helped quite a bit which kept our costs down. That's done. He met with George and Lael and kind of laid out a new parking scheme. We have new signs to encourage people not to park in the street and to provide better signage directing people to the field so they don't park in the street or in other residents yards. The final thing that we would like to do, and what he is recommending, because he was actually responsible for the re-birth of field four when he was commissioner of that league, but it has not worked out. We have four fields and the fourth field is very small, it's almost just an infield, and was used by the 8 and under group. They don't play harder than the infield. The problem that caused is that there are more games and more cars. So, we don't have enough parking to support four fields. The recommendation is that we kill field four, discontinue it. Remove the backstop, benches and we'll move the bleachers to use them on the other fields. He thought the Board may want to weigh in on that decision.

Tom Seese asked if there was any discussion from the Board in reference to that?

Brenda Patterson stated no.

Dave Bulgrin stated that he knows from being at the fields that parking has been a real problem, especially at Ingleside. The other parks seem to have adequate parking. He asked David if he thinks that will solve it with the fence moved in?

David Calderone explained that we are going to take an incremental look and see. That's what we've done with this and in talking with the commission, or league about this, is if it doesn't, we'll have to consider even cutting down to two fields. They'll have to move some of their games down to Logan. The Logan softball complex, Coventry Township is entitled to use half of it, so that would be two of the fields. But, that brings with it the problem that your 10 and unders are playing at this field and you want to watch them, and your 12 and unders are playing at another field at another park. We pointed that out to the league and the coaches that if they help us and if they help monitor it and encourage parents and coaches, we're hopeful that it's going to solve it. If it doesn't, our next step would then be to require that some of the games move down to the other field, the other complex.

Dave Bulgrin stated well, you were involved in that, and he just wondered if anyone ever approached the field across from Logan. That area that is empty, right on the other side of the street.

David Calderone stated he's having trouble.

Dave Bulgrin stated you know where Logan is.

David Calderone stated okay, he was still picturing Ingleside. At Logan, there are the four softball fields.

Dave Bulgrin stated but across the street there is nothing there. You've got the pie place but there's all that land there. Is it possible that could be used by the Township?

David Calderone stated well, that would probably be step 5 or 6. If it's going to require a little bit of construction. As it is right now, Akron built the softball fields. That may be something we have to do. To be completely candid, if the league staff and coaches stay on the parents to park, when they park in what is basically the field one parking, there is enough. When he would go out there, people would be parking carelessly and there would be all sorts of stalls open in the parking lot. But they want to park fifty feet away from the game instead of 200 feet. It would probably be better for their health, their kids would get warmed up walking to the field, if they just discipline themselves. He thinks there is enough parking, it's just a matter of discipline.

Dave Bulgrin stated that he's been to most of the games this last year and knows that the parking problem was the main issue.

David Calderone stated that it's unfair to the residents in the neighborhood. We're just trying to be good neighbors.

Tom Seese stated that the field that David talked about, is probably, for all intents and purposes not used at all. Kids play in it and run around in that little area. With the addition that we did by moving the fence in for additional parking and if we take down the backstop and all of the benches and stuff, if by chance we have any need for additional parking, we could always look at that field four area and have a driveway go in, down in there if we need additional car parking to try to save the three fields.

David Calderone stated yes. Not to mention, beyond pulling out the backstop and the bleachers and the bench is that Lael is going to have to haul a little bit of dirt because it is sort of bowled out there.

111110-03 Tom Seese made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Service Director to retire field four (4), and between now and next year, we'll decide who is going to tear the backstop down and do all of the work and we'll go from there. Brenda Patterson seconded the motion.

Tom Seese asked if there was anyone from the audience who wanted to say anything about it, either for or against that suggestion?

Ed Diebold commented that he thinks it is a good move.

Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Seese stated that the next thing for discussion is the Town Hall retaining wall repair. It is estimated to cost less than \$2,500 by Bob Stouffer. It involves replacing the cap blocks with concrete and seal with waterproofing, caulk joints and replace missing face brick. This is the problem that goes down into the road garage.

David Calderone explained that we are talking about the wall that runs out along here, over the road garage and yes, water is running down behind, and the cap blocks are unstable and are falling off.

111110-04 Tom Seese made a motion to allow up to \$2,500 for Mr. Stouffer to make necessary the repairs. Dave Bulgrin seconded the motion.

Tom Seese asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Seese stated more repairs, the Sheriff's Office building garage and driveway. Bob Stouffer has also estimated the cost of approximately \$1,500 to re-do that problem. He asked David to explain.

David Calderone explained that it actually ties into the last one as well. There's not enough concrete with the wall project to meet the minimum haul, so he asked if there was anyplace else we needed concrete. In fact, the short driveway, it's only about 18 feet long and about 9 feet wide, is in horrible condition. You can't even walk on it safely. We're going to get the concrete cheaper by doing this right now. It's only going to be four inch, and they'll re-bar it but it doesn't take any heavy traffic. We're just talking about where the road department stores stuff in the Sheriff's building garage, that short little driveway there. This pricing includes the road department doing the excavation. They will pull out the old concrete. It's

a 'not to exceed' price. When we have had Mr. Stouffer do work before if it is less, if it comes in at \$900.00, that's all he'll charge us.

Joni Murgatroyd stated that she wanted to throw something in because we've used Bobby Stouffer, and he doesn't like accolades, but she wanted to commend him here. He's done a lot of work for the Township and because of his expertise in concrete, etcetera, he's saved us thousands and thousands of dollars. He did a repair over here at the Town Hall where we were getting a lot of water in and it was deteriorating the wall down below. He fixed it for several hundred dollars. We had the Sheriff's Office foundation over here that was deteriorating badly and she asked him if he could just patch it to keep the water from getting down into the basement and it was under \$200 bucks. This year he came back to seal that work over there and donated his labor and materials. He then went over to the Fire Department and sealed the new concrete patio that they had poured last year. He is a resident of the community and he gives back ten-fold, whenever he can. She just wanted to stress that and if it does come in less than what it was estimated he does charge us less. He is very reputable.

Tom Seese stated that his only concern is that if a year from now we decide we want to tear that building down and do something with the property, are we putting something in we are just going to tear up?

David Calderone stated that we discussed that and it's a legitimate concern and it's why we are only going with 4 inch. It's also a hazard. If you go over there, just the employees or anyone walking, there is like an 8 inch drop with the way the concrete is broken up into multiple pieces. We have to do something anyhow.

111110-05 Tom Seese made a motion to expend up to \$1,500 to re-do the driveway at the Sheriff's Office building. Brenda Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Report by the Fiscal Officer:

Joni Murgatroyd, Fiscal Officer, asked the Board to approve the following motions:

111110-06 Brenda Patterson made a motion to pay all bills and salaries, warrant numbers 60875 to 61004, as certified by Fiscal Officer Joni Murgatroyd, and subject to audit. Dave Bulgrin seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0. A listing of the warrants will be made a part of these minutes.

Notice to Legislative Authority - DBA Hook, Line & Drinkers

Joni Murgatroyd explained that we received a Notice to Legislative Authority for a transfer of a D5 and D6 liquor license, permit number 5179767 from Leyland Co., LLC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor and Balconies, Patio, Basement, Lakeside Area and Second Floor Office, 530 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Akron, Ohio 44319 to permit number 0249919 Aqua Management Group, Inc., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor and Balconies, Patio, Basement, Lakeside Area and Second Floor Office, 530 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Akron, Ohio 44319. The Notice is dated October 25, 2011 and must be returned and postmarked by November 25, 2011 to request or not request a hearing. Township Law Director Irv Sugerman has advised us to request a hearing for this transfer. The DBA Name is Hook, Line and Drinkers. The Aqua Management Group Officers and Stockholders are Naney Stojkoski and Milo Milkovich.

111110-07 Tom Seese made a motion to request a hearing on the Notice to Legislative Authority received for the transfer of a D5 and D6 liquor license from Leyland Co., LLC, Permit No. 5179767, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor and Balconies, Patio, Basement, Lakeside Area and Second Floor Office, 530 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Akron, Ohio 44319 to permit number 0249919 Aqua Management Group, Inc., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor and Balconies, Patio, Basement, Lakeside Area and Second Floor Office, 530 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Township, Akron, Ohio 44319. Dave Bulgrin seconded the motion.

Tom Seese explained to the public that we have nothing against the operation at Hook, Line and Drinkers at this point. We are concerned about why there is a transfer of the liquor license and who the liquor license is being transferred to. We want to find out what is going on and why this guy is transferring everything out of his name.

Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Breuda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Notice to Legislative Authority -Portage Lakes Brewing Company

Joni Murgatroyd announced that we also received a Notice to Legislative Authority for Portage Lakes Brewing Company, LLC, Permit Number 7030953, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 503 Portage Lakes Drive, Unit A, Coventry Township, Akron, Ohio 44319 for a new D2 liquor license. The Notice was dated November 7, 2011 and must be returned and postmarked by December 8, 2011. She asked George Beckham to explain.

Tom Seese explained that he and George had a discussion on this and he asked George to explain what he found out.

George Beckham stated yes and explained that again, this is the Portage Lakes Brewing Company which is a carry-out. They just passed a local option on this past Tuesday to have alcohol sales on Sundays now. We had a case like this a year ago where there were no D1 licenses available. A D2 license includes a D1, but a D2 also gives you the right for on premises consumption. He has spoken to the folks who run the Portage Lakes Brewing Company and they have no intention of opening any type of bar or anything like that. They just want to be able to sell wine and mixed beverages. He explained to them that if they want to open a bar there are zoning ramifications with that. They would need a special permit to open a bar in a neighborhood district like that. We approved one like this for a company up on Main Street, Harvey, the balloon place.

Tom Seese stated Harvey, the guy that sells the balloons and things like that, next to Lakeview Market.

George Beckham stated exactly, next to Lakeview Market. There are no D1's available so you get a D2 and it lets you do what is in a D1. He stated that he doesn't think there will be any issues with this. The gentleman is a Coventry resident and he thinks we do not need to request a hearing for this.

111110-08 Tom Seese made a motion to not request a hearing on the Notice to Legislative Authority received for Portage Lakes Brewing Company, LLC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 503 Portage Lakes Drive, Unit A, Coventry Township, Akron, Ohio 44319, Permit Number 7030953 for a new D2 liquor license. Dave Bulgrin seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Seese added that most of you know this, it's a fairly new business down there and they are trying to get things going. It's pretty new.

#### Out of Pocket Reimbursement

Joni Murgatroyd explained that she has received an out of pocket reimbursement request from Lael. He's asked for a reimbursement of \$45.85 for the purchase of food and soft-drinks for the Road/Maintenance crew when they did the Jasmine and Minor paving project November 1<sup>st</sup>, that way they didn't have to pull off of the project. So he's asking for the reimbursement of the \$45.85.

111110-09 Dave Bulgrin made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$45.85 for the purchase of food and soft-drinks to Road Superintendent Lael Stouffer for the Road/Maintenance crew during the Jasmine - Minor paving project November 1, 2011. Tom

Seese seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Joni Murgatroyd stated that she would have that motion listed as written in the agenda.

She advised the Board that their period to date financial reports are in their meeting packet. She explained that on September 20, 2011, she met with KLA Risk Consulting as part of our requirements through our Township property and liability insurer OTARMA. They have given us several recommendations. One pertains to a Driving Record Acceptability Standards policy, extending the use zone of each free standing climber in parks, and to retrofit bleachers in the parks with guardrails and side guard rails where required. This will not be required on all of them, but some of them. She went to each of the parks with her and she will be reviewing the equipment modifications with Lael to obtain estimates for what that is going to cost to have that done and if one of the Board members would like to accompany them they are more than welcome. It will be brought to the Board anyway for approval. Whitefriars update, Summit County Council approved the Sanitary sewer bids for that project Monday night, November 7<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she requested the information from the Department of Environmental Services since the Township had appropriated \$50,000 towards this project. She will need the paperwork and can put it in the agenda for December to approve that so it can be appropriated towards the project as initially discussed at the beginning of the year. She thanked the voters for re-electing her. Although she had no opposition, she still greatly appreciated the votes and just looks forward to continuing to serve for four more years.

#### Reports by Department Heads

Sheriff's Office Representative, Deputy Sanchez, reported that the calls for service in October were 776 and the year to date total is 8,401 in the Township. Enforcement totals for October, there were 82 traffic citations issued which brings the year to date total to 905. There were 23 arrests in October which brings that year to date total to 231 arrests in the Township. During this period we had some of our special deputies out doing extra patrols during trick or treat times. Some departments call them reserves, we call them specials and they come in at no cost to provide support to us so we had two of them out. Also with school going, whenever a deputy gets any free time we are trying to hit the school zones.

Tom Seese asked if there were any questions of the Sheriff's Office representative. There were none. Tom Seese stated that we will now move on to David Calderone, Township Services Director, Fire Chief and Trustee Elect.

David Calderone, Township Services Director/Fire Chief stated that he believes the Sheriff's Office also donated some deputies for security on the 29<sup>th</sup> for the 5K. Didn't we do a 5K on October 29<sup>th</sup>?

Deputy Sanchez, stated yes, that's right.

David Calderone stated that he wanted to give them credit, they always send a lot of deputies at no cost. We're getting pretty good at that, we're doing those 5K's in about an hour and 15 minutes now. He also thanked the firemen for donating their time. Alarms to date, there have been 1,327 calls, there were 118 emergency responses in Coventry in October and out of that 118, 102 of those were EMS. He stated that he would like to report to the Board in follow-up on the lighting project, it's 98% done. As a reminder, we had all of our interior lighting assessed and through a grant program, we have now the most energy efficient lighting available. He stated he is anxious to watch the electric bill over the next year. They estimate that we will save approximately \$6,000 a year in electric, so that will be huge. What we kicked in will be recovered in a little more than two years by the projections. There are a few fixtures that still need to get done which we couldn't get to because they were locked up. They haven't completed the zoning of the lights in the apparatus bay. They came in and out in about two days and did everything, it was a pretty good operation. So, that's done. He reminded residents that any open burning is illegal, you are not allowed to do it. Other than authorized camp fires, which fall under very specific guidelines which are available at the fire station and also on our website. It's that time of year and it's going on that people are burning leaves. He is not

condoning any unauthorized burning but he pointed out that in the evening, or when it starts to get cool, that smoke goes up and you think it is up out of the way, but it is just going over your neighbors house and landing in the neighborhood next to you. That is where we get most of our complaints. The fire department or the sheriff's office gets the call, so it really is a nuisance although you may not recognize it. Besides that, it is illegal. Please do not burn your leaves. The next thing he stated that he would like to do, he explained that he has written a letter that he has submitted to the Board about his retirement. He stated he would like to quickly read it because it is also to the public as well. He read the following for the record: *'November 10, 2011, Dear Board of Township Trustees, As you know, I have been planning my retirement from the fire department and as services director for several years. It is now time for me to provide the specific details of my intentions. My election to serve as township trustee will require that my last day working in the office to be Friday, December 30, 2011 and my last day of employment with the township as fire chief and services director will then be December 31, 2011. I am recommending that Deputy Fire Chief John Dolensky be appointed as the interim Fire Chief as of January 1, 2012. Deputy Chief Dolensky is a very good man, a dedicated employee and, in my opinion, deserving of the opportunity to prove himself as the fire chief outside of my shadow. Overall, the department is in very good shape and in very good hands. I am proud of the department that I am handing over. When the trustees hired me 23 years ago, they tasked me with only one over-arching mission: to make Coventry Fire Department a respected department throughout the region. I believe we have accomplished that mission. As a new fire chief, I established firefighter safety as my number one priority. I promised myself to work hard to assure that I would never have to make that unwanted visit to one of my firefighter's homes. It was not always easy teaching my firefighters that, while I and this Township owned stock in their safety, they are their own major shareholders. Often those lessons were painful; but I do not regret any of them. Within the first few days of being the "chief," I met with my new fire department and I told them then that I needed them; that I could not make them safe without their help; that I could not teach them without their cooperation; and that this department could not accomplish much without their cooperation and support. Again, it was not easy; but, today I am handing over a department that is skilled, compassionate, and proud. I am proud of them; and I thank them for their dedication & for allowing me to lead them. Another critical contributing factor to the success of this department was the 24 years of unwavering support that I have received from the Board of Township Trustees. To Don Haullauer, Lloyd Schopp, and David Bulgrin, I thank you for taking a chance on a young fire lieutenant from the City of Green. I also want to thank Laurie Kieffer, Brenda Patterson, Bob Wilson, Joni Murgatroyd, and Tom Seese for continuing to believe in me. I especially want to thank Val Sawhill, not only for his support; but also for his enthusiasm and his friendship. Additionally, I would like to thank the citizens, because without them, we would not be able to accomplish anything. I have always felt that informed citizens were my best friends; and Coventry voters have always been there for me and this department. I have always appreciated their support and I thank them for trusting me. Last but definitely not least, I want to thank my wife, Becky, and my daughter, Carli. Thank you for always having my back, for always picking me up; for always tolerating my bad moods after those particularly long days; and for supporting my public service for the past 35 years. I know my successes only came to me because of the strength and love given to me by my wife and daughter. I am sorry for all that we have missed and I promise to spend the rest of my life making it up to you. While the ride has not always been a smooth one, it has always been an honor and privilege to have been your fire chief. I am sure that, at times, I will miss being called the "chief;" but I am looking forward to being known as David, again. Thank you and be safe, David Calderone.'*

Tom Seese thanked him and stated that this is a new step in your life.

David Calderone stated it is, and just quickly, he appreciates everyone's support in the election and he will continue to work as hard as he always has and he looks forward to the upcoming years.

George Beckham, Zoning Inspector, stated that as far as leaves, the Township does have a leaf drop-off on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, coming up next weekend. Also, you shouldn't burn your leaves, you shouldn't rake them into the roads or ditches because they create drainage problems. Another thing a lot of people like to do is just rake them in a vacant lot next door or across the street and you shouldn't do that either. We get calls all the time that

people are dumping leaves on Township property or just any vacant lot, people are dumping leaves. It's not a good idea. It's not your land, for obvious reasons you shouldn't dump your leaves on the neighbor's property. There were a couple of other things that we've talked about here, the Whitefriars sewer, the contractor on that will be Lockhart Construction. He explained that he talked to Don Gallimore today and they are ready to go. They have to get a couple of easements worked out, but they're real close. They're going to start that project any time. Also on that liquor permit for Hook, Line and Drinkers, the gentleman that it's being transferred to is known to the zoning board. He's been to the zoning board twice and has a fairly good reputation with the neighborhood there. We just have to kind of look after the overall interest of the Township. We only have, you get like thirty days to request a hearing and then because we only have one Trustee meeting a month, we've got maybe two weeks to really check on people and ask questions. We can always change our mind and say that we don't want a hearing, but if we don't object right away then we don't get a second chance. We can ask and then not take it. Also, he thinks something that's going to come up next year, we've talked about this oil well drilling, this fracturing concept. It's going to happen here next year or the year after. You folks have probably seen the newspaper articles but there is a lot of gas under us and the thing about this fracturing is they do it right now, but with the new technology, the wells are twice as deep and then they go horizontally. Instead of creating like five giant truck loads of waste water, they're going to create 50 giant truck loads of waste water. The volume of the water and waste material is like 10 times as much. That is what people are getting concerned about, where is this water going to go and what is going to happen if it spills out on the land. It appears that it's kind of moving our way and we'll have to deal with it next year or the year after. We may not even be able to deal with it depending on how the State laws are written, we may not have any jurisdiction anyhow. Just something to think about.

Joni Murgatroyd stated she had a question on it and asked if they're going to be able, if people have existing wells, can they just come in and do that or do they have to get a special permit?

George Beckham stated that he thinks they'll have to have a whole new lease made. If they have an existing well though, that could be made deeper, yes.

Joni Murgatroyd stated but if they've got the permission on the leases, so they couldn't just come in and just decide to do it.

George Beckham stated no, they'd have to get new leases and permits because they're going twice as deep and then in most cases they're turning and going horizontally maybe another mile even.

Joni Murgatroyd thanked him.

Tom Seese stated thank you George, anyone have any other questions. There were none.

#### Reports by Trustees:

Dave Bulgrin stated that since he only has two more meetings here and his wife gets upset with him when he thinks about the old days and some of the old things that happened. He stated that he would just like to bring to the attention of people the beautiful ballfields that we have, we can thank John Wellock and Bill Zimmerman who were very active people. Although they were never trustees or voted into offices they took problems in hand and went and got things done. He stated that he knows Bill Zimmerman, for one thing, the PLAY Center was a big thing for him to do and he doesn't know that he would be as happy with it now because he was hoping it would be for the younger people in the Township. Things change and things are different.

Tom Seese stated we're all still young. We still use the PLAY Center.

Dave Bulgrin stated he didn't know where Tom was getting that from. Anyhow, one of the other things he thinks of is the amount of time that was spent on the beginnings of the ballfields and picking up the land. It was not that easy, but a lot of people were willing and able to give up property that they had in order that the Township would be able to take those over and turn them into ballfields and whatever they were. We've done really well. He stated that he can still remember when they started scraping the parking lot down there at Logan Field. Johnny Wellock, of course with Township equipment, was handling that. A lot of people in this Township came forward on any project that we needed done. They were anxious to do it and so were we. He stated that he was not an elected official or anything then, he was just someone who knew someone and they needed help and asked him. He stated that he just wanted everyone to know that.

Brenda Patterson stated God bless all of our veterans. She wanted to thank all of the residents who went out to the polls to vote.

Tom Seese reported that he and Joni, a month and a half ago, attended an Army Corp of Engineer's meeting. There was a follow-up meeting that was scheduled for this week and they've changed it to the 16<sup>th</sup> of November in Norton. We discussed the flooding at Brewster Creek, we discussed the flooding at Killian Road and on the 16, hopefully they will come back with something to discuss. He stated that he also received a letter from Mrs. Murray at 1079 Portage Lakes Drive in reference to maintenance of Stone Creek. He explained that two weeks ago he had Ron Gray and the State over on the school property cleaning that ditch that runs under Cormany Road and into North Reservoir. Her position is that they need to clean it from Cormany Road to North Reservoir. If you ever drive by there and look to your right it is full of trees and debris. He stated that he will be submitting her letter to the Army Corp of Engineers on behalf of the Township. She documented way back from 1919 to today everything that she and her husband have gone through with that creek. As you know, Tuesday was election day. We not only got a new trustee, but we had Issues on the ballot. The Board of Trustees had a renewal of the Sheriff's levy for the new contract that we signed. He thanked the voters for renewing that. We offered to the voters of Coventry Township the opportunity to have increased police protection and they actually turned that down. That tells him that they are satisfied with the current status of police protection that we have. The other one that we lost, which you probably will see again, is what we need to continue to maintain the streets in the Township. The plowing, salting and all of that. The voters rejected it. He is sure that the next Board of Trustees will have to decide what to do. Last but not least, he wanted to thank all of the candidates for trustee for taking all of their signs down so quickly. He stated that is the fastest he thinks he has ever seen them all down. There are still some judge candidates that still have them up, but he stated he was proud to drive around the day after the election and see that almost all of signs for candidates who ran for trustee were down. He thanked them and congratulated all of them. Everyone did a good job and split the vote up pretty well. He announced that the next meeting will be the Christmas meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the Coventry Senior Center, we do that once a year.

#### Comments from the Public:

Bill Breitenbach from the Coventry School Board stated that he is winding down just like Dave is and will have one more meeting. He'll see everyone up at the Senior Center. He stated that he really wanted to express his thanks to the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department for all of their support for the 5K run that they had on the 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event for the group that did it and they really appreciate all of the donated time from the Sheriff's Department. He knows that is a huge cost saver because he ran the Bicentennial and he knows what the Sheriff's Department cost him then. He really does appreciate all of the help and support that have been given to the schools. He congratulated David on his election and Joni on her re-election to come back for another four years. He looks forward to working together with them over the next four years.

John Rogers explained that he was approached by one of the Township's business-people the other night down here at the Rose Villa. They have a wall that belongs to the property in the back of their parking lot. He understands that the Trustees or zoning or

somebody knows about this. Now that Mr. Nowak has passed away, they are wondering what they can get done with this wall. Can it be assessed and be put on the sale of the home when it sells, or whatever. If you go past, you can see this wall is just caving down into their parking lot. He explained that he told Anna that he would bring it up to the Trustees and find out if we could do anything about it.

George Beckham stated that he is familiar with it. He was out there probably last spring and it had been completely surveyed. There was some question as to who's property it was on. It was all on the property to the back, this Mr. Nowak. It is obviously falling and it's a danger. He stated that he advised the folks at Rose Villa that unfortunately it's totally private property. It's a civil matter. He told them at the time that if he were them that he would pull it down because he feels that it is hazardous to their patrons.

John Rogers stated well if they pull it down the whole yard is going to fall.

George Beckham stated well, yeah. They're going to have to pull it down and move a lot of dirt.

John Rogers stated does that fall under anything like the leaf removal, the mowing of grasses and all of that to get it fixed and put on the taxes?

George Beckham stated no, he's never done anything like that before. He is afraid that if we did something like that, he's got several other wall complaints. He can't say exactly why we can't. It's a civil matter, it's not hazardous to the general public. It's not like a health issue. It's a safety issue to their customers. We couldn't go in and fix this wall and assess them if that is what you're asking.

John Rogers stated that is what he is trying to find out.

George Beckham stated no. This fellow just passed away though, so something will be happening soon with that property.

Tom Seese asked if he owned the home, or rented?

John Rogers stated that he owned the home, a Brian Nowak he believed. Obviously he passed away, which he didn't know but he never noticed the wall either until she pointed it out to him.

George Beckham stated oh, it's bad.

John Rogers stated she pointed it out and he was like, oh, wow.

George Beckham stated right. He has pictures in his file and he's talked to them and has advised them that it's a civil matter. It's not real comparable to mowing a lawn or tearing down a vacant house.

Tom Seese asked if she could build a wall on her property that would be a retainer wall for her?

John Rogers stated that he's sure that she could but that is quite an expense.

George Beckham stated it's a large wall.

Tom Seese stated that it's going to be quite an expense for anybody.

John Rogers stated that if it's the property owner that is responsible for it, the property owner should take care of it who owns that property. If he owned that property he would be raising heck with whoever. There again you have to start with our local government and obviously George has talked to them.

George Beckham stated that he advised that they basically needed to get an attorney and send Mr. Nowak a letter putting him on notice that something had to be done. He stated that he doesn't know if they ever did that. That would have been the first thing.

John Rogers stated well, if he was still living. You say it's been going on for a year.

George Beckham stated that he thinks he was out there last spring.

John Rogers stated okay. He just wanted to bring it to attention and now we all know about it.

George Beckham stated that he doesn't know that government has any responsibility on that, other than to advise them what to do, which is what he did.

John Rogers stated that he didn't know, and you guys are much smarter than he is so that's why he's bringing it here.

Tom Seese stated that we're not allowed to spend your money on private property issues.

John Rogers stated he understands that. We do in smaller cases, but just like anything with cleaning up yards or whatever, you know, that's still my money.

Tom Seese stated that's reimbursable though, we get that back. That's under health and safety.

George Beckham stated you know, it's just like a chuck-hole in the parking lot at Coventry Plaza. Is that government's responsibility to fix that chuck-hole?

John Rogers stated absolutely not.

George Beckham stated well, it's kind of the same thing.

John Rogers stated well no, they own that property. Whoever owns Coventry Plaza owns that property. That was his question. There is something that you would think that our local government could lead this business to do.

George Beckham stated well they would have to litigate against Mr. Nowak.

John Rogers stated and he's dead.

George Beckham stated right, whatever.

John Rogers stated he was just asking questions. He did what she asked him to do and thank you very much, he will get back with her.

Tom Seese stated that the process is that either she goes after him privately or he goes after her. He asked if there was anyone else.

Ed Diebold congratulated David Calderone on his election. He stated he would have called to congratulate him, but didn't have his phone number and thought 9-1-1 would probably not be appropriate. He announced that Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Jump at Dano's Lakeside Pub. He stated that they raised over \$20,000 last year for the local community, putting on Christmas for the kids. If you could come out and support us, we'd sure love to have you. A lot of local establishments are having teams, so jump on a team if you want to jump in. See you there again Tom?

Tom Seese stated yeah, right. I've got your back. Last year he volunteered me.

Ed Diebold stated we waited.

Tom Seese asked if there was anything else. He asked Geordie Kissos from the Summit County Engineer's Office if he had anything to report. You're just a happy camper aren't you. You've almost got all of your projects done in Coventry.

Geordie Kissos stated that Portage Lakes Drive is opened up.


Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Dave Bulgrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call: Dave Bulgrin, yes; Brenda Patterson, yes and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Seese wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

  
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Chairperson

  
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