Fairgrove Township, November 2016

The November meeting of Fairgrove Township Board was call to order by Supervisor Keith Aeder on November 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Board members present were Aeder, Treasurer John McQuillan, Trustees Dennis Hadeway and Mike Day. Clerk Katie Gebhardt and Assessor Deb Young. Zoning Administrator Bruce Turner, Policeman Mike Scarhrough, and Sexton Doug Foster were also present.

Several visitors were also present; interested citizens attended, along with representatives from Nextera and the Advertiser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to approve October minutes as presented. Approved.

Comments from public: Mark Trunbar from Nextera was present to introduce himself.

Supervisor’s report/old business

* Ditch work; Kappen won bid for Gilbert Branch.
* Neil Bishop indicated 6 miles of powerlines would be in Fairgrove Township, power station in section 6. More information to come.
* Zoning permit #988, Pat Rohn, 1568 sq. ft. single family home. Replacing existing dwelling – Day moved Hadeway supported – approved
* Sexton had 6 burials
  + Issues with hydraulic motors on mower, under warranty.
  + Looking into selling, replacing mower in 2017.
* Village of Akron Trash – Village will accommodate payment for Fairgrove Township residents, waiting on logistics.

Day moved Aeder supported Newsletter as presented. Approved.

Medical Marijuana – no action required by township unless Township is interested in pursuing.

AT&T Contract was up, internet and phone bundled to save money.

New Business

* Road Commission –
  + Asphalt expected next year on Gilford Rd, per Michelle (County Engineer).
  + Road commission is asking railroad to look into the railroad crossing conditions, waiting on more information.
  + Mike Day was approached by concerned citizen about Dunham Rd needing grading.
* Police – Meeting December 1, 2017.
  + Mike Scarborough announced his intention to retire the end of 2017, exact date to be determined.
  + Mike also proposed changing from 10 hr. week to 24 hr. week, 4 day to 6 day. Hoping to bring in the right person with more hours available.
  + Mike provided two reports showing costs of 6 day verse 4 day work week.
  + Aeder showed concern for wear on equipment and cost of depreciation, which he would like to see included in reports.
* Assessor –
  + December Board of Review December 13, 2016 at 7 am.
  + GIS Map Download, maps and software by Equalization
    - Aeder inquired about getting GIS Map on Township Office Computer. Gebhardt looking into possibility.
* Financial Report –
  + Financial Statements presented, Hadeway moved and Day supported to approve financial report as presented. Motion passed.
  + McQuillan expects tax flow income to start the end of December. No issues meeting all obligations.
  + Discussed keeping Wind II and Wind III separate. Nextera does bill under different accounts. Nextera will verify which direction to go.
* Comments –
  + Gebhardt introduced using Quickbooks in the township office.
  + Aeder asked for pricing on replacement computer for Township Clerk.
  + Gebhardt suggested the Township start a Facebook page, tabled until next meeting.
* Bills –
  + Were presented and listed below.
  + Hadeway moved and Day supported to approve bills as presented. Approved.

Keith Aeder 616.67

John McQuillan 607.73

Karen Goodchild 650.00

Dennis Hadeway 69.26

Mike Day 69.26

Bruce Turner 69.26

Deb Young 1263.00

Doug Foster 1400.00

MTA 149.00

Thumb Office Supply 166.68

ElectionsSource 56.98

John McQuillan 1227.07

Fairgrove Oil Co 30.35

Tuscola County 177.23

Diva Disposal 5896.80

Tuscola County Clerk 184.34

Karen Goodchild 250.99

Tuscola Co Advertiser 33.00

Consumers Energy 21.05

Millage of Akron 241.89

Kirks Supply 41.80

DTE Energy 85.12

Kay Eruich 185.00

Diane Spencer 185.00

Karen Adams 185.00

Joy Lupton 185.00

Karen Goodchild 185.00

AT&T 45.00

Tuscola County 337.78

Doug Foster 900.00

Thumb Office Supply 43.50

Wind Account

Fairgrove Township 460.00

John McQuillan 255.00

McQuillan moved to adjourn Day supported. Meeting Adjourned.

November 16, 2016

Next meeting December 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM