Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

September 18, 2017 7:40 PM

Roll Call: Trustees Mike Day and Dennis Hadeway, Treasurer John McQuillan, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Supervisor Keith Aeder, Assessor Deb Young, Zoning Admin Bruce Turner and Sexton Doug Foster were all present.

Also present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Averill, Republic Services Rep Gary Hicks, and Mike Scarborough – Akron Police.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept August meeting minutes as presented. Passed

Hadeway moved and Aeder supported to accept CRP ground meeting minutes as presented. Passed

Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept Trash meeting minutes as presented. Passed

Day moved and Hadeway supported to accept the September agenda as presented. Passed

Public Comment:

* Gary Hicks – Republic Services: Checking in on trash service and looking to move recycling to different week. Recycling will get picked up the next two weeks, then every other week after that. Republic will notify customers via mail along with a recycling schedule.
* Gary Glenn – State Rep of Bay County: Gary Glenn is looking to replace Green when/if he is appointed to the open USDA seat. Proposed legislation being introduced to address conflict of interest with planning commission regarding wind farm land income, financial gain for members on the planning commission. McQuillan inquired about resolving the issue of alternatives for planning commission members when there is a conflict of interest. Currently not allowed, but may be needed to reach a quorum.
* Erico Lopez – Nextera Energy: Nextera has decided to dismiss cases on wind tax appeal for the benefit of the Townships and the community. Nextera is hoping to stabilize tax revenue to allow Townships certainty on tax revenue for planning and budgeting. Aeder inquired about lack of rep for yearly meeting to address complaints and resolution of complaints.
* Doug Young – Fairgrove Fire: Provided fire run report for monthly runs and assists. Fire department is training with new SCBA’s on 9/18/2017. Young provided video of training. Still waiting on grant. Township paid $26,908.21.

Supervisors Report

* Roads – Gravel patching around Township will be about $6,800 (McCalan Rd, Dutcher Rd, Sheridan and Van Geisen Rd)
  + Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported motion to approve patching around the Township. Passed.
* CRP Ground – Brent Larsen is going to assist Township with getting ground done to meet the requirements. Will probably be done in the Spring, too late in the year to start.
* Permit Extension – Nextera special use permit. No authority found for requiring an extension after one-year period. Leaving decision on legality of extension to Dave Meyer and the planning commission.

Unfinished Business

* Medical Marijuana – Resolution for opt-out of medical marijuana facilities.
  + McQuillan moved Aeder supported a resolution to opt-out of medical marijuana facilities. Passed

New Business

* Trash Contract – No tires unless quartered, no liquid paint, large items – call for pick-up. Jeff Lansky said insurance coverage is standard.
* Trash Assessment – Current cost per unit is $159 per year. About $103,000 per year. Special assessment set at $100 per parcel starting Winter 2017. Township will cover just under $40,000 of total price.
  + McQuillan moved Aeder supported to approve special assessment. Passed.
  + McQuillan moved Hadeway supported motion for Supervisor to sign trash contract. Passed.
* Annual Newsletter – Starting draft and will have for October meeting. Will contain information on change in trash company and Nextera tax appeal dismissal. Project for wind III is expected to be completed in 2018 with approximately 30 turbines in Fairgrove Township, 17 approved and 13 more projected.
* Millage rate request for 2017. Operations is 1.4360, Roads are 1.6903, no change.
  + Aeder moved McQuillan supported to set millage rates at 1.4360 for Operations and 1.6903 for Roads. Passed.
* Annual Audit – McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to allow Treasurer and Supervisor to sign representation letter for annual audit. Passed
  + Explore diversifying general fund – discussion at next months meeting.
  + Spending of road millage does not need to be in the same year, there is no set timeline on when spending needs to occur.

Reports

* Sexton Report
  + One Burial
  + Roof on cemetery building is complete.
  + No Sunday burial sign is in place.
  + Getting maintenance done for Winter.
  + Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported to accept Sexton report as presented. Passed.
  + Cemetery fence row – not needed anymore. Township owns property on both sides of fence. Aesthetically nicer without fence, easier to mow. No decision.
* Police
  + McQuillan moved Day supported to accept police report as presented. Passed.
* Planning
  + Zoning Permits – Nextera
    - 0998 – Foster: Deckerville Rd, East of Fenner Rd. Section 26. Temp Met Tower.
    - 0997 – Russell Farms: Darbee Rd, Section 12. Temp Met Tower.
  + Site Plan/Special Use Permits approved on 8/22/2017 by planning commission.
  + Aeder moved and McQuillan supported to accept zoning permits as presented. Passed
  + Send any expenses needing reimbursing to Erico and Mark from Nextera.
* Financial Report
  + Looking into diversifying funds.
  + Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept financial report. Passed.
* Bills
  + Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to accept bills as presented. Passed.
* Public Comment:
  + Erico – Nextera is sponsoring Tuscola County Pumpkin Fest. Please stop by their both with your children.

Aeder moved and McQuillan supported motion to adjourn. Passed.

Adjourned 10:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt