Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

November 20, 2017 7:30 PM

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

Also present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Averill, Mark Trumbaurer from Nextera, Superintendent Diane Foster, ITC Representatives, future Township Residents, and Representatives from Agri-Valley Services and Air Advantage.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Day moved and Hadeway supported to approve October minutes. Passed.

Hadeway moved and Aeder supported to approve November agenda. Passed.

Visitor Comments

* Agri-Valley Services – Jesse Klaska is present to discuss fiber optic options within the Township
  + Made suggestion of using both fiber optic (for populated areas) and satellite/wireless (out of town).
    - Board expressed concern that satellite/wireless tower space could not be reserved for township residents. Could cause overcrowding and internet slowdown for wireless users.
  + Cost would be about $25,000 per mile for fiber optic, about 1.8 million for all.
  + Not much existing fiber cable within the township for Agri-Valley Services.
  + Speeds for internet will only be limited by the hardware installed to run the fiber cables.
  + Upload and download speeds range from 25mb to 100mb.
  + Costs are $50 to $125 depending on MB selected and usage would be unlimited.
  + Residents would cover the hardware and install cost, about $150 total.
  + Would build out in quarters starting with the most populated areas, could be done in 2018.
    - Would depend on take rate of the township (number of customers interested).
* Air Advantage – Scott Zimmer, Scott Summit, and John Montgomery
  + Shared many of Agri-Valley Services thoughts.
  + Has existing fiber in Fairgrove Township (runs lines to AF High School and Fairgrove Public Library).
  + $25,000 to $35,000 per mile.
  + Pricing would be similar to Agri-Valley Services.

Board requested proposals from both Companies

* PA116 – Steven Estey (Dykama), Patricia Murphy (ITC)
  + McQuillan moved and Aeder supported to approved a resolution to allow the withdrawal of property with reference #79 3804-123166 from PA116. Passed.

Supervisors Report

* CRP Ground – Dinsmore submitted a verbal bid of $125 per acre, requesting multiple years. Totaling about $1,375.
  + Hadeway moved Day supported to accept 3 year contract on Townships 11 acres boarding the cemetery from Dinsmore. They will grow corn, and then alfalfa. Passed.
  + Board is asking for half up front (4/1) and remaining due at harvest (11/1).
* Thumb Electric resolution tabled until next meeting.
* Police Committee Meeting – Matt Simmerson interview
  + Currently Mayville/Kingston Officer.
  + Board recommended hiring Officer Simmerson as replacement.
  + Village of Akron will have final decision/approval.
* MMR Grand application submitted

Unfinished Business

* Newsletter – editing trash info, ready to be sent out.

New Business

* Gun Range
  + No current regulations, only State and NRA Standards
  + McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to approve a 12-month moratorium on the development of outdoor shooting ranges. This moratorium will allow the Fairgrove Township Planning Commission an opportunity to develop zoning regulations pertaining to shooting ranges, to ensure the safety of Fairgrove Township residents. Passed.
* McQuillan moved and Day supported motion to wave interested and penalties on taxes paid between Feb 14, 2018 and Feb 28, 2017. Passed.

Sexton Report

* 3 burials including 1 inurement.
* Issues with 2 grave locations, still researching what occurred.
* Diva dumpster has been removed from cemetery.

Police Report

* Single open case.
* Safe medication disposal box will be available at Akron Police offices as soon as it arrives.

Assessors Report

* December Board of Review will be held 12/12/2017 at 7:00 AM, Fairgrove Township Hall.
* MRC – Michigan Renewal Collaboration – multiplayer/depreciation
  + 2016-2017 Nextera Tax appeals dismissed
  + Taxation on replacement of turbine parts.

Zoning Report

* Planning Commission
  + Nextera application turned over to Spicer.
  + SLUP meeting to be held at Akron Fairgrove Highschool 12/20/2017 at 7:00 PM
  + Public notice for SLUP meeting is ready to be sent.
  + Working on updating zoning ordinances as time allows.

Financial Report

* Looking into new account to cover FDIC insurance coverage shortage on general fund.
* Day moved and Hadeway supported to accept financial report. Passed.

Hadeway moved and Day supported to pay bills as presented. Passed.

Board Comments

* Handicap/Deaf Child sign is up. Handicap portion of one sign has been stolen. Will be replaced at Township cost.

Public Comments

* Mark Trumbaurer – Akron Fairgrove Schools Nextera Kid Wind Program. Teaching kids about wind energy. Program provided and funded by Nextera Energy.
* Diane Foster – Akron Fairgrove Superintendent
  + Teachers were very impressed with Kid Wind Program. Program provided teachers with a great education on wind energy to pass onto students.
  + Balanced Calendar has been well received.
    - School received $750,000 grant for air condition to cool school during those summer hours.
    - 100% attendance on school days in August.
    - 16% enrollment increase, mainly due to change to balance calendar.
    - Other local schools looking to move toward balanced calendar.
    - There could be potential legislation to move to a balance calendar.
* Doug Young – AF Fire in AF Schools Poster contest. AF compete in Caro 1st time a student has placed for AF schools. More students are in fire prevention then previous years.

Day moved and Hadeway supported to adjourn meeting. Passed.

Adjourned 10:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk.