Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

September 17, 2018 7:30 PM

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

Visitors Present: Mark Trumbaur, Doug Young, Pat Sheridan, Matt Simerson, Jim Wissner, and Brian Pike

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hadeway moved and Aeder supported to approve August minutes. Passed.

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

Visitor Comments

* Jim Wissner – Looking for follow-up on travel trailer issue. Township is working on getting the trailer moved. Supervisor Aeder has attempted to contact occupants’ multiple times with no success. Talked with Dan Cragg who indicated no one was living at the trailer. Just waiting on trailer to be moved for storage.
* Mark Trumbaur – No FAA determination yet. Only 4 turbines need variances in Fairgrove Township. Looking to pour foundations/ continue work, with the exception of the 4 turbines needing variances. Discussion will be held until later in meeting.

Supervisors Report

* Fenner Rd – After meeting with property owners neither wants to compromise. County will not act without Township. Will speak with Kirk about trimming right of way 5’ on West side of road. Potentially clear out 5’ on East side of road to assist with road passage.
* Gilford Rd & Hinson Rd – will be four way stop in future. No date has been given. Enough accidents have occurred to warrant action by road commission.
* Michelle will be leaving the road commission and take a job with the State of Michigan. A temporary engineer is being appointed.
* 2019 paving projects. Review list and let Keith know of any potential projects.

Unfinished Business

* Bank – working on getting utilities switched.
* Orkin – 2 visits to the bank cost $613 (for bees), $500 annually fee and $100 for any other visits (any pests, not just bees).

New Business

* Fire Truck – Everyone but the Village is on board, the Village is still undecided. Township share would be $145,161.90, based on the number of sections covered with the Fire Department.
* Newsletter Draft – John wants to finalize at October meeting.
* Trash pick-up for Akron Village residents in Fairgrove Township. Maybe a way for the township to move those stops to the Township bill/contract. Looking into options.
* FOIA requested status – no response.
* Pegasus Project
  + Mud matt was only allowed, which is 8” of concrete. Beyond that was not permitted. Some rebar was installed.
  + Nextera wants to work on other turbine bases while waiting on FAA administrative slow down.
  + This is an issue for the planning commission and must be a determination made by the planning commission. Township Board can not make this decision.
  + Nextera wants to move in wind turbine parts – Bruce said there is nothing in ordinances or permit to prevent moving in parts.

Sexton Report

* Hadeway moved and Day seconded to accept Sexton Report. Passed.

Police Report

* McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to accept Police Report. Passed

Zoning

* Blight issue at Deckerville Rd and Sheridan Road on the Brissette property. Owner will be notified.
* Need more dust control on dirt roads. Dust has been increasingly bad with construction traffic.

Assessing

* Will provide count for trash collection to make sure billing stays accurate.
* Tax rate
  + 1.4360 Allocated operating
  + 1.6903 Roads
  + 2 Special Services
  + Aeder moved and Day supported to accept tax rates as listed. Passed.

Financial Report

* Chemical Bank interest – Looking into other bank options for the general fund.
* Opened Thumb cemetery fund for funds no longer held by County Treasurer.
* Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept financial report. Passed

McQuillan moved Day supported to pay bills as presented. Passed.

Board Comment

* Pat Sheridan – Provided board with improvement, maintenance and Township allowance policy for the road commission.

McQuillan moved and Day supported to adjourn meeting. Passed.

Adjourned 10:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk.