Roll: Katie Gebhardt – Clerk, Sarah Donovan – Treasurer, Dennis Hadeway – Trustee, Justin Edwards – Trustee. Keith Aeder – Supervisor (Attended Virtually, Non-voting participant)

Visitors: Pat Donovan Grey – Deputy Treasurer, Colleen Russell – Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Brink, Jill Brink, Todd Brink, Matt Simerson – Akron Police, PK – NextEra Energy.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Hadeway moved and Edwards supported to appoint Gebhardt meeting chair in Aeder’s absence.

Run through of the 2023/2024 budget items with a discussion on items that may need an increase based on activities in the upcoming budget year.

* Discussion on what items were and will be classified as an ARPA expense. Building and office improvements, security, technology upgrades.
* The Assessor will be asking more pay in her contract, which is renewing in June. That was accounted for in the new budget along with an alternative BOR member pay.
* VAAS contract has increased for 2023/2024, this was expected and previously discussed at meetings.
* With the change in election law we have double our election wages line item to reflect the extra man hours for election workers. We also increased the election equipment line item. There is a possibility that a new set of equipment will need to be purchased.
* The increase in office traffic will result in more cleaning needing to be done. That line item was increased to reflect that change. Office cleaning was also separated out to become its own item, instead of being combined with Township Hall.
* The inflation rate for this year was 7.9%, as we have in the past, this is the number we used for raises.
* Pension contribution will depend on how we handle salary changes.
* The Treasures salary was increased to $20,000 annually in the budget.
  + Discussion on Treasurer duties and the work Donovan does as the Treasurer, going above and beyond her statutory duties.
* The Clerks salary was increased to $32,500 annually in the 2023/2024 budget.
  + Discussion on the Clerks duties. The changes from the passing of proposal 2. The number of statutory and non-statutory duties. Hours annually are estimated at 1700 to 2000.

Gebhardt moved Hadeway supported to pass 2023/2024 Fairgrove Township Budget with a projected income of $883,967.04 and projected expenses of $998,295, a projected overage of $114,327.96 which will be funded by existing fund balance. Passed

Hadeway moved Edwards supported to adjourn budget hearing. Passed

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk

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|  | **Proposed 2023/2024** |
| Taxable Value | $148,584,967.00 |
|  | -0.04% |
| FAT Tax | $286,723.67 |
| Operating | $205,865.10 |
| Roads | $242,322.42 |
| Admin | $29,238.11 |
| Revenue Sharing | $100,000.00 |
| Crop/Rent | $1,367.74 |
| Cemetery | $10,000.00 |
| Interest Income | $500.00 |
| Zoning Permits | $1,000.00 |
| Land Division | $500.00 |
| Metro Act Payment | $5,500.00 |
| Ordinance Fines | $750.00 |
| ARPA | $0.00 |
| Wind Project Fees | $0.00 |
| PPT Reimbursement | $0.00 |
| Other | $200.00 |
| Loan Repayment | $0.00 |
| Equipment Sale | $0.00 |
| **Total** | **$883,967.04** |
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| **Over/Under** | **($114,327.96)** |
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| **Expenses** |  |
| **Accounting Fees** | $10,000.00 |
| **Ambulance Service** | $16,000.00 |
| **ARPA Expense** | $7,000.00 |
| **Assessor** |  |
| Assessor Expense | $1,800.00 |
| Assessor Services | $20,000.00 |
| Board of Review | $2,700.00 |
| **Attorney Fees** | $15,000.00 |
| **Bank Building** | $15,000.00 |
| Utilities |  |
| Construction |  |
| Property Tax |  |
| Misc |  |
| **Cemetery** |  |
| Sexton Salary | $20,400.00 |
| Fuel | $750.00 |
| Grave Openings | $6,000.00 |
| Utilities | $250.00 |
| Repairs and Supplies | $20,000.00 |
| **Clerk** |  |
| Salary | $30,000.00 |
| Non-Stat Duties | $2,500.00 |
| Clerk Office | $2,000.00 |
| Deputy Clerk | $3,000.00 |
| **Drains at Large** | $7,000.00 |
| **Dues and Classes** | $4,000.00 |
| **Election** |  |
| Election Expense | $3,500.00 |
| Election Wages | $10,000.00 |
| Election Equipment | $7,500.00 |
| **Fire** |  |
| Fire Board | $500.00 |
| Fire Protection | $42,000.00 |
| **Insurance** |  |
| Insurance | $9,000.00 |
| Bond Insurance | $300.00 |
| **Mileage** | $300.00 |
| **NextEra Energy Project** | $5,000.00 |
| Zoning Services | $5,000.00 |
| **Ordinance Fine - Pmnt** | $750.00 |
| **Payroll Liabilities** | $3,500.00 |
| **Pension** |  |
| Pension Contribution | $14,500.00 |
| Pension Fee | $120.00 |
| **Police** |  |
| Police Contract | $35,000.00 |
| Police Board | $500.00 |
| **Postage/Printing** | $3,000.00 |
| **Roads** | $440,000.00 |
| Dust Control |  |
| Contracted Road Work |  |
| **Supervisor** | $14,000.00 |
| **Subscriptions** | $275.00 |
| **Tax Refund** | $100.00 |
| **Thumb Ride Share** | $1,000.00 |
| **Township Bd Trustee** | $4,500.00 |
| **Township Additional Meetings** | | | $1,000.00 |
| **Township Hall** | $3,000.00 |  |  |
| Maintenance |  |  |  |
| **Township Hall Cleaning** | | | $1,700.00 |
| **Trash Collection** | $170,000.00 |  |  |
| **Treasurer** |  |  |  |
| Treasurer Salary | $20,000.00 |  |  |
| Treasurer Office | $3,000.00 |  |  |
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| Deputy Treasurer | $2,500.00 |
| **Utilities** |  |
| Gas | $1,700.00 |
| Electric | $2,000.00 |
| Street light | $350.00 |
| Internet | $850.00 |
| Sewer | $375.00 |
| Phone | $375.00 |
| **Zoning** |  |
| Zoning Admin | $2,200.00 |
| Ordinances | $500.00 |
| Planning Commission | $5,000.00 |
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| **Total Expenses** | **$998,295.00** |