Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

August 17, 2020 7:40 PM

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

Visitors Present: Colleen Russell – Deputy Clerk, Sarah Donovan - Deputy Treasurer

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Hadeway moved and Day supported to approve August agenda. Passed.

Visitor Comments

Visitor Comments Closed

Supervisors Report

* Dutcher Rd – No hearing scheduled yet.
* Fenner Rd & Dunham Rd – Fenner Rd needs brush removed again, east side of road needs to be sprayed lots of regrowth.
* Dunham Rd still looks good on east side. Rest of road has not been touched.
  + JM will draft letter to Kerkau discontinuing service because of lack of return communication and work progress.
* LaPratt Builders are expected to start on bank building roof after Labor Day.
* Nextera update – turbine construction is done with the exception of 6 turbines in Fairgrove Township waiting on variances.
  + Sound study will be done on turbines currently constructed. Will be doing sound study on remaining 6 after construction is completed.
  + Road Commission – Spraying weeds on Oakley Rd - Unsure if chemicals would work to kill weeds. Crew doing chip seal is in the area, would be around $13,000. Will ask about spraying weeks prior to chip and seal.
    - Hadeway moved McQuillan supported to chip and seal ½ mile of Oakley Rd. Passed.
* Planning Commission meeting – discussed mostly solar.
  + 350 ft setback from inhabited structure to first panel.
  + 100 ft setback from road
  + 16 ft height limit on outer panels allowing for variations of height on interior panels due to ground level variations.
  + Electromagnetic interference – unpredictable. Working on how quickly issue would need to be remediated.
  + Light shielding
  + Can’t exceed 55 dsb at any time.
  + Chain link fence must be 4-6 ft. tall.
* Interesting MTA article about providing food to election workers.
* Aeder moved Hadeway supported to change the next two Township Meetings as follows;
  + September meeting will be moved to the 14th at 7:30 PM
  + October meeting will be moved to the 12th at 7:30 PM. Passed

Unfinished Business

* Planning commission will meet on September 17th, 2020.
* Quick discussion on how Election Day went.

New Business

* FOIA request – Statewide FOIA request for information from August 2020 election.
* Township hall landscaping – needs to be redone
* There is some concern with traffic crossing the Township Hall parking lot from drive on neighboring property.
* New drop box for ballots provided by the State through the CARES act.
* Newsletter – Prepping for newsletter, what should be included?
  + Completion of Pegasus project.
  + Dutcher rd is still a work in progress.
* Zoning services – Discontinue extra pay for Carl and Bruce now that Pegasus is complete.
  + McQuillan moved Aeder supported to discontinue zoning services ending August 31, 2020. Passed.

Police Report

Sexton Report

* Mowers are fixed or in the process of being fixed.
* Disinterment of remains.
* Removal of old fence row and poison ivy at cemetery.
* New roof for small shed.

Zoning Report

* Zoning Permit 1056 – Tanner Moore – Garage and Mudroom.
* Aeder moved McQuillan supported to accept permit 1056. Passed.

Financial Report

* No July deposit.
* Chemical bank is only paying .01% on general fund. Only $5.33 of interest on general fund for this past month.
* Hadeway moved Day supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed.

Bills

* McQuillan moved and Aeder supported to pay bills as presented. Passed.

Board Comments

* Roads traveled by Nextera outside of original haul route – time table for road fixes.
* Crushed stone on Dutcher rd?
* Yield sign to stop sign – needs to go through the road commission.

Visitor Comments

None

Day moved and Hadeway supported to adjourn meeting. Passed.

10:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk.