Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

Fairgrove Township Hall

January 17, 2022 7:32 PM

Roll Call: Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Treasurer Sarah Donovan, Trustee Dennis Hadeway. Excused absence: Supervisor Keith Aeder (joining via video conference, nonvoting) and Trustee Justin Edwards.

Visitors Present: Pat Donovan-Gray – Deputy Treasurer, Doug Foster – Sexton, Chief Matt Simerson, and Colleen Russell – Deputy Clerk, Fairgrove Fire – Doug Young, Nick McGuire, and Pete Wood. Tuscola County Road Commission – Brent Dankert, Will Green, Jason Root.

Call to order/Pledge

Hadeway moved Donovan supported to make Gebhardt meeting Chair in Aeders absence. Passed.

Hadeway moved Donovan supported to approve December Meeting minutes with corrections. Passed

Aeder moved Hadeway supported to approve January agenda. Passed

Visitor Comments

* Tuscola County Road Commission – Brent Dankert discussed the difference options for maintenance on Fairgrove Townships paved roads. Road Commission will help Township decide best way to address roads needing repair based on the budget available.
  + Pegasus update – Waiting on resolution of final turbine lawsuit. Potentially 2023 but no guarantee.
  + Russell asked about the rating scaled used on roads. Brent and Will explained what road condition had to be for each level on the scale.
* Fairgrove Fire Department – Chief Doug Young discussed the need for a new fill station for bottles at the Fairgrove Fire Department. The current station does not completely fill bottles to capacity. The current station is also in desperate need for replacement. A 2 bottle fill station with 4 bottles was quoted at $45,347.
  + Gebhardt moved Hadeway supported to pay Fairgrove Townships contractual percentage of the purchase of a new fill station for Fairgrove Fire and loan the Village of Fairgrove their share, if needed. Passed
  + Nick McGuire informed the Board that the stabilizers needed have been partially funded by the 100 Women Who Care Group ($5300), the department will fund the difference. They are also working on a Road Way Safety grant to fund any additional equipment needed.

Visitor Comments Closed

Other Reports

Sexton Report

* Doug Foster asked the Board to consider increasing his pay to $1700 per month, from $1500, at budget time.
* Gebhardt moved Donovan supported to charge $25 for deed copies. $5 will go to the Township to cover administrative costs and $20 to the Sexton.

Police

* Report was presented.
* Fairgrove Township is looking at a 3% increase of their overall contract for 2022/2023, approx. $1300. Total estimated contract $32,805.

Assessing

* Hadeway moved Donovan supported to adopt Federal Poverty Guideless. Passed

Supervisors Report via video conference

* Jim Abbey reviewed the Metro Permit submitted to the Township by Air Advantage. He gave the go ahead to approve.
* The Township is considering adopting an ordinance to require a permit for installing electrical service over 200 amps.
* Aeder would like the Check list and financial statement summary attached to final meeting minutes.
* Will be discussing the backdoor drainage issue with Matt Kirk.
* Discussion on upcoming Planning Commission Public Hearing to finalize ordinances.
* Aeder informed the board that there is a beaver issue in the Northwest Drain in section 7. It is being worked on.
* LaPratt is currently working on getting samples for the bank building, but is running in to supplier issues. Does not expect anything until spring.

Unfinished Business

* Insurance meeting was cancelled due to illness. Board decided that a formal meeting was unneeded and the Township Clerk would meet with Jeff Lanskey.
  + Hadeway moved Donovan supported to pay annual insurance premium to insure no lapse occurs. Passed
* Hadeway moved Donovan supported to approve Metro Permit for Air Advantage as submitted. Passed.
* Discussion on getting video system for the hall.
  + Hadeway moved Donovan supported to authorize the clerk to spend $1200 on video system for hall. Passed
* Township Logo Project has gone to the AF School art teachers.
* Hadeway moved Donovan supported to authorize the Clerk to sign the Wilkinson contract in the absence of the Supervisor. Passed.

New Business - None

Financial Report

* New checks are in.
* Waiting on Huntington Statements to finish financial statements.
* NorthStar statement was somehow sent to John’s house.
* State revenue sharing was $15,480.
* Tax revenue to Township so far is $181,173
* Hadeway moved Gebhardt supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed

Bills

* Hadeway moved Donovan supported to pay bills as presented. Passed.

Board Comment:

* Discussion on ARPA funds usage and the new guidelines released.
* Hadeway showed Township Board budget sheets dating back to 1998 to compare to current numbers.

Visitor Comments - None

Gebhardt moved Donovan supported to adjourn meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk