Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

Fairgrove Township Hall

March 20, 2023 7:52 PM

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

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

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

Hadeway moved Donovan supported to approve March agenda. Passed

Visitor Comments

* PK – NextEra – Solar update: a site plan is expected in June/July with public hearings around September.
* Todd Brink – Asking about plans for solar in the Township. Gebhardt shared that the Township has not received any type of application yet, nor any site plans. PK from NextEra shared that they are still working on specifics and discussed the planning process for site plans.
* Hadeway asked the difference between solar production and wind production.

Visitor Comments Closed

Other Reports

Sexton Report

* Was presented.
  + Hadeway moved Donovan supported to accept report as presented. Passed

Police Report

* Report presented.
* Village of Akron police department will continue operating.
* Discussion on hiring part-time officer.

Supervisors Report

* Road Commission – Has contacted about chip and seal on Dutcher Rd west of Merry. No response yet.

New Business

* Budget - 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
* Road Commission – Checking into line items on final invoice. Waiting on more information.
* Salary Resolutions –
  + Supervisor – Hadeway moved Donovan supported to increase Supervisors salary to $14,000 for the 2023/2024 budget year.
    - Aye: Hadeway, Donovan, Gebhardt, Edwards No: None Absent: Aeder Passed
  + Clerk – Donovan moved Hadeway supported to increase Clerks salary to $32,500. for the 2023/2024 budget year.
    - Aye: Hadeway, Donovan, Edwards No: None Absent: Aeder Gebhardt abstained. Passed
  + Treasurer – Hadeway moved Edwards supported to increase Treasurers salary to $20,000 for the 2023/2024 budget year.
    - Aye: Hadeway, Gebhardt, Edwards No: None Absent: Aeder Donovan abstained. Passed.
  + Trustee – Gebhardt moved Donovan supported to increase Trustee pay to $176.96 per diem for the 2023/2024 budget year.
    - Aye: Edwards, Gebhardt, Donovan, Hadeway No: None Absent: Aeder Passed.
  + Non-salary pay– Hadeway moved Edwards supported to increase all other pay by 7.9% as follows:
    - Board of Review $23.47 per hour
    - Planning Commission and ZBA $68.52 per meeting, Chair and Secretary: $85.79 per meeting
    - Any Township Board member attending meeting related to Fairgrove Township business, including virtual meetings: $63.67 per meeting.
    - Deputy Supervisor/Clerk/Treasurer: $20 per hour
    - Zoning Admin: $176.96 per diem.
    - Aye: Hadeway, Donovan, Gebhardt, Edwards No: None Absent: Aeder Passed.
* Dinsmoore Lease – Hadeway moved Edwards supported to continue the lease of 10.95 acres of Township property by the cemetery to Cindy Dinsmore at a rate of $150 per tillable acre. Rent is paid twice a year with the total lease amount of $1642.50. To be paid in two installments of $821.25 on April 1 and November 1 of each year. Passed.
* April’s meeting is moved from April 17th to April 24th to accommodate board member availability.
* Hadeway moved Edwards supported to approve the 2023/2024 Fairgrove Fire contract for $28,500, authorizing Donovan to sign in place of absent Supervisor. Passed
* Clerk will work toward getting locks on the building changed or coded locks.
* Hadeway moved Donovan supported to authorize clerk to purchase bathroom storage cabinets, new faucets for sinks and fixing the utility sink, not to exceed $2000. Passed
* Security is up and running.

Financial Report

* State Revenue sharing: $16,541.
* Ordinance fines received: $88.11.
* Will be moving $550,000 from general fund to sweep account to bring balance below insurance threshold.
* Hadeway moved Gebhardt supported to Authorize Donovan to close Thumb Bank Accounts and move funds to NorthStar Bank. Passed.

Bills

* Hadeway moved Edwards supported to pay bills as presented, holding Akron Police payment until part-time officer questions are answered. Passed.

Visitor Comments

* Aeder would like to continue using Smith Bovill for Township attorney’s for solar needs.

Board Comments

Edwards moved Hadeway supported to adjourn meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned 9:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk