Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

May 20, 2019 7:30 PM

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

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Visitor Comments

* Mark Trumbauer – Wanted to thank the Township for its support with the FAA. Nextera has submitted an application to the Planning Commission for 12 new landowners and 5 new turbine sites. The application for the additional turbines has been made with the FAA already, should be no hazard.
* Carl Childs – Stopped to discuss the Public Hearing for the new turbine sites. Planning Commission looking for direction on public notices, and location for hearing. Board suggested keeping the process and location the same as prior hearings.
* Jim Wissner – Is having tile issues from the Pegasus project and is having difficulty getting issues addressed. Trumbauer indicated he would handle this issue.
* Tony Thomas – Plan for bank building – removing old roof (which is at least 5 layers), check existing decking, and replace with rubber roof. Windows will need to be checked closely. Provided bid for bank building roof and Township Hall cabinets.
  + McQuillan suggested getting a professional consult from a roofing consultant.
    - Day moved McQuillan support to seek second opinion from a professional roofing company/consultant. Passed
    - Hadeway moved Day supported to have Thomas Residential remove cabinets, drop box, repair drywall and reverse swing of interior door at Township Office. For a cost of $350 - $600. Passed

Visitor Comment Closed

Board Comment

* Board recommendations to Planning Commission
  + McQuillan moved and Aeder supported that notice of the newest SLUP from Nextera for 5 additional turbine sites be furnished to all Fairgrove Residents. Public hearing be held at Akron-Fairgrove High School and Nextera makes a $25,000 escrow deposit. Additionally, conditions for removal of 4 turbine bases not being used must be addressed. Passed.
* Aeder moved Hadeway supported to continue contracting with Spicer in regard to additional turbine sites. Passed.
* Thank you card from Diane Foster – Akron Fairgrove Superintendent read to board.
* Thank you letter from Greg Ackerman presented to board.

Clerks Report

* Election
  + May election went well. Not expected to have any more elections in 2019. 2020 will be a very heavy election year. The Township will need to increase election budget line item up considerably.
  + The Township will be in need of more election inspectors.
* Deputy Clerk – Colleen Russell will be the new Deputy Clerk. She as appointed on 5/20/2019 by the Township Clerk.
* Generator – Due to changes in election law that requires internet connection at all times to register voters, Gebhardt has suggested the Township put a standby generator on the premises.
  + Hadeway moved McQuillan supported to get generator for Township Hall. Passed.
  + Gebhardt will get quotes.
* Cabinets – Day moved McQuillan supported to allow Clerk a budget of $2500 for replacement cabinets at Township Hall. Passed.

Supervisors Report

* Fenner Rd/Dunham Rd – Currently waiting on bids.
* Road Commission agreement with RS Scott for survey and design.
  + Aeder moved Hadeway supported to sign agreement and pay deposit of $11,250 to the Road Commission for RS Scott to do survey and design on Dutcher Rd. Passed.
* Rick Russell took dirt from cemetery and cleaned up roads in cemetery. The cemetery roads will need to be addressed in the future. Board will be seeking bids for road work in cemetery.
* Township letter to FAA.
* Signs for parking lot for Officials Parking Only
* Akron Village Council okay with Fairgrove Township paying Republic directly for trash pickup for Fairgrove Township residents that have addresses within the Village of Akron.
* Police Meeting – Working on moving to new computer system, which will cost the department more per year.

Unfinished Business

* Phone/Air Advantage – Issues with contacting AT&T. Contract signed with Air Advantage for a total of $240 62. This includes one phone line, unlimited internet, and one hands free cordless phone.
* Electric sign – Village will approve sign on corner of Village property. Donation letter being sent to residents was discussed.

New Business

* Audit – Should we switch to every other year audit? Board discusses switching companies to get a different perspective.
  + McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to skip audit of fiscal year 2018/2019 and seek quotes for future audit work. Passed.
* Amicus Brief – Contacted about interest in an Amicus Brief in Juniata Vs Pegasus. Board showed no interest in participating.
* Planning Commission appointments
  + Aeder moved McQuillan supported to reappoint Anne Leen and Marilyn Grzemkowski to 3-year terms on the Planning Commission. Passed
* Internet Grant – Township has the opportunity to apply for a grant to improve internet access within the Township. The plan is to partner with Air Advantage because of their existing presence within the Township. Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be the subcommittee for this project.
  + Day moved Aeder support to send mailing to all Township residents to start grant process at the Townships cost. Passed.

Sexton Report

* 2 Burials
* Lawn maintained for Township Hall and bank building

Zoning

* Permit 1016 – Kreg Sherman: pole barn 30x48, addition 638 sq ft
* Hadeway moved McQuillan supported to accept Permit 1016. Passed.

Financial Report

* Perpetual CD moved from Chemical bank to Independent Bank at 2.3%.
* Day moved Hadeway supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed.

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

Hadway moved and Day supported to adjourn meeting. Passed.

Adjourned 10:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk.