Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

Fairgrove Township Hall

October 17, 2022 7:33 PM

Roll: Keith Aeder – Supervisor, Katie Gebhardt – Clerk, Sarah Donovan – Treasurer, Trustees Dennis Hadeway and Justin Edwards

Visitors: Foster – Sexton, Colleen Russell – Deputy Clerk, Pat Gray – Deputy Treasurer, Bruce Turning – Zoning Admin, Julie Ellis – Weinlander Fitzhugh, Megan Marshall, Paul Tappert.

Call to Order/Pledge

Hadeway moved Edwards supported to approve September Meeting minutes. Passed.

Hadeway moved Donovan supported to approve October agenda, with the addition of Megan Marshall. Passed.

Visitor Comments

* Mr. Tappert questioned getting a street light at M-81 / Hinson Road intersection. Aeder advised them to contact DOT, as this location is outside the Township’s jurisdiction.
* Megan Marshall – Regarding Darbee Rd, Aldrich/Bublitz property. Board discussion on how to resolve the issue with the buildings on the property and the property split.
  + Gebhardt moved Hadeway supported to allow Megan Marshall one year to remove one of the dwellings, of Ms. Marshalls choosing, from the Aldrich/Bublitz property and combine the 2 split parcels back to one as per the original agreement with the Township board in 1988. Passed.
* Julie Ellis – Weinlander Fitzhugh – Presented the Township Audit report. She stated it was a “clean” report.

Visitor Comments Closed

Sexton Report

* 3 cremations
* The mowing is complete for the year for the Township Hall and the old bank building.
* Mowing at the cemetery should be complete this week.

Zoning

* Zoning Permit for Matt Kirk. 18’ Grain bin reuse for recreational purposes.
* Aeder moved Hadeway supported to accept zoning permit as presented. Passed

Supervisors Report

* Watering of new landscaping is completed for the year and hoses will go to the cemetery shed.
* Progress is being made on the Vassar Road blight issue.
* Discussion regarding Police protection provided by the Akron Police Department. Several Board members attended a recent Akron Village Council meeting after hearing rumors of issues between the Department and Council. No discord was apparent during that meeting. After some discussion, the Fairgrove Township Board agreed that Fairgrove Township has no interest in, nor intention of, creating a police department at this time.
* Road Commission will be installing solar-powered flashing lights on the deaf child signs on Vassar Rd at Township expense. Following an accident at that location, a driver reportedly stated he did not see the sign. It is the Board’s hope the lights will draw attention to the sign and it’s warning
* Harper Alarm – Hadeway moved Edwards supported to install a video security system and alarm system with optional detectors at Fairgrove Township Hall, with installation following the November 2022 election and be facilitated by the Clerk or the Supervisors. Passed.

Old Business

* Tables and Chairs – After discussion, the Board believes the larger, stronger, cushioned folding chair are more appropriate. A final decision will be made at the November meeting. Following the Clerk’s suggestion, the chairs will be ordered for delivery following the repainting of the Hall.
* Metro Act Payment – New general fund account is pending verification to receive the Metro Act payment via direct deposit. As soon as that verification happens the old general fund at Huntington will be closed.
* Election shirts have been ordered

New Business

* Bank Building – Everything is complete except for the landing/steps at the back door of the building. Due to site and floor elevations, a site-built treated lumber unit will be built, rather than a pre-cast concrete unit.
* The Clerk will no longer be accepting drop-offs of any kind at the Township’s mailing address, which is also the Clerks home address. A resident recently entered the Clerks home without knocking, or permission. The drop box at the Township Hall will be used for that purpose.
* Clerk asked if a carpool parking policy was needed for the Township Hall parking lot after out-of-town vehicles were parking in the Township lot daily. Board didn’t feel that was needed at this time, and the situation will be monitored and revisited if necessary.

Financial Report

* Delinquent personal property tax for Fairgrove Township dated 1991-2004 will be removed from the tax roll. This is at the County Treasurer’s request.
* KCI will be printing and sending all tax bills, resulting in labor and postage/mailing savings to the Township.
* Need any information for the Newsletter by November 4.
* Frankenmuth Credit Union spotted fraudulent transactions on both the Clerks and Treasurers credit cards. Cards were cancelled before any charges were made. Both cards have been replaced.
* FICA account interested rate earnings will be going up.
* Gebhardt moved, Hadeway supported to authorize Treasurer Sarah Donovan to withdrawal all funds from Huntington Bank (including but not limited to any CD’s and checking accounts), close the accounts, and deposit the funds in the FICA account. Passed.
* Hadeway moved Edwards supported to accept the financial report as presented. Passed

Bills

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

Visitor Comments

Board Comments

* Hadeway stated that the bank building is looking great with the roof/corbel project completed.
* Aeder and Edwards had a preliminary general discussion with Nextera officials regarding a potential solar project.
* Township received an anonymous letter regarding blight and unlicensed businesses. The letter did not specify where the issue was, nor was any contact information provided to obtain clarification. Therefore, no board action was taken.

Comments Closed

Hadeway moved Edwards supported to adjourn. Passed

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt – Fairgrove Township Clerk