Fairgrove Township

Regular Board Meeting

Fairgrove Township Hall

September 20, 2021 7:33 PM

Roll Call: Supervisor Keith Aeder, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Treasurer Sarah Donovan, Trustee Dennis Hadeway, and Trustee Justin Edwards.

Visitors Present: Pat Donovan-Gray – Deputy Treasurer, Doug Foster – Sexton, Leslie Harrison, Jennifer Hobkirk – Weinlander Fitzhugh, Roberta Crosby.

Call to order

Hadeway moved Aeder supported to approve August Meeting minutes. Passed

Hadeway moved Edwards supported to approve September agenda. Passed

Visitor Comments

* Roberta Crosby – Is concerned with the amount of time it is taking for the Dutcher Rd project to progress. Also expressed concern with road funds not being available if the project continues to be delayed.
	+ KA explained the delays the Township Board has run into: in person meeting delays due to COVID restrictions (the Road Commission public hearing being the biggest delay), working with engineers to address issues with portions of the road, and waiting on Pegasus to complete remaining turbines and address road conditions.
	+ KA gave an update on the current status of the project. The Township Board is moving forward with work on Dutcher Rd. We are currently waiting on engineers to assess what can be done with the existing culvert. The projected completion for base and grade on Dutcher road is 2022, and asphalt is planned for 2023.
	+ The Township Board explained has funds in accounts to cover roadwork.
* Leslie Harrison – Presented the quit claim deed for the Van Geisen Rd property for the Village of Fairgrove. A notary was not available to execute the deed. KA will meet with the Village to complete deed when notary is available.
	+ KG moved SD supported to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign/execute the quit claim deed for the Van Giesen Rd property to the Village of Fairgrove. Passed.
* Jennifer Hobkirk – Weinlander Fitzhugh – Presented the Township Audit to the Township Board. Audit was clean and no changes are needed by the Township.
	+ KA moved DH supported to accept the Audit by Weinlander Fitzhugh as presented. Passed.

Visitor Comments Closed

Other Reports

Sexton Report

* Work on the small cemetery building has been delayed due to bees. Currently in contact with pest control to get the issued handled.

Police Report

* Police report accepted

Supervisors Report

* Ambulance Service – More “Stop the Bleed” kits will be available to the Township soon. KA visited MMR main location. Highly recommends anyone interested take a tour. Their setup is very impressive.
	+ KA moved DH supported to authorize the Supervisor to sign and send a support letter for improvement in communication between 911 and other emergency services. Passed.
* Presented card from John McQuillan thanking board for retirement gift.
* KA contacted Michelle Zawerucha about issues with the curb by Township Hall. Village has indicated that are waiting on a pole repair before addressing the damaged curb.
* Road Commission
	+ KA moved DH supported to change yield signs to stop signs and stop head signs on Shreeves Road between Ringle and Kirk Roads. 4 signs $300, half down is required. Passed
* Authorized alternative signer on Township Accounts cannot be a trustee.
	+ KA moved JE supported to add Deputy Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray as an authorized signer to all Township accounts as an alternative signer, as needed. Passed.

Unfinished Business

* Fairgrove Township Board wants to recognize Deputy Clerk Colleen Russell for her work getting the signage done on the Township Hall.
* Dale Rieck sidewalk bid – KA would like to see a larger area done. Will be asking Dale for a new bid.
* ARPA
	+ Letter confirming the Townships share of ARPA funds.
	+ ARPA resolution – Fairgrove Township Board accepting funds.
		- KA moved SD supported resolution to accept ARPA funds with Board and public input on how funds are spent according to the law. Yay: DH, KG, KA, SD, JE Nay: None. Passed.
* Township meeting day – DH does not want day to change. It has always been on the third Monday. Quick discussion on making a time change for the meeting, potentially earlier in the night.
* PA116 Application for Hawken
	+ DH moved JE supported to approve application 2021-001 for Scott Hawken, 64.64 acres 010-032-000-0900-04. Passed.
* ARPA community input – Board needs community input on ARPA funds. Board discussed putting information for residents in with the tax bills and on the website. A December 31, 2021 deadline was decided on and residents can email clerk at clerk@fairgrovetwp.org to share their thoughts.
* Dennis LaPratt has ordered samples for the bank building and will bring to Township board from approval of materials.

Financial Report

* Revenue sharing
* FICA account interest rate is dropping, but still making more interest than other accounts.
* Newsletter for winter tax bills.
* DH moved KA supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed.

Bills

* DH moved KA supported to pay bills as presented. Passed.

Board Comments - None

Visitor Comments - None

JE moved DH supported to adjourn meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk