

# VILLAGE of FAIRGROVE

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Village of Fairgrove Council Meeting  
Public Hearing for Sewer Rate Increase  
02/01/2021 @ 6:15 pm  
NO in person meeting  
VIA Uber Conference  
1-989-341-3422

In Attendance: Young/McIntosh/ Stevens/ Sebert

Sewer rate increase: Young

Applying for Clean Water Grant need to meet poverty level affordability standards

Sewer Cd Balance \$85,331

Sewer Checking account \$104,693

Current Sewer Rate Residential \$56.00 Commercial \$68.00

Last sewer rate increase was in 2016

Sewer Cost of repairs 2019-2020 appx. \$55,000

Budget \$30,000 rest came from fund equity

Sewer Cost of Repairs 2020-2021 appx \$78,500

Budgeted \$30,000

Collection Estimate is \$54,000

We collect \$18,000 of this through delinquent Taxes each year

Raise Sewer rates approximately 4.48%

Residential old Rate \$56.00 new Rate \$64.00

Business old Rate \$68.00 new Rate \$84.00

The 10% Delinquent fee will be applied to new rates. The Rate increase if passed by the Village of Fairgrove Council will take effect April 1, 2021

Public Comment: None

Village of Fairgrove Council Meeting  
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- Welcome remarks led by Young
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Young
- Motion by Sebert Approval of the Agenda 2/01/2021 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 4/0

- Motion by Sebert to Approve Meeting Minutes from 01/04/2021 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens motion carried 4/0
- Motion by Stevens to approve Meeting Minutes from 01/09/2021 Special Budget Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sebert motion carried 3/0/1 (McIntosh not in attendance)
- Audience Recognition:
  - Stevens- When will decoration be taken down- McIntosh Bucket truck is out of commission again
- Close Public Hearing having heard not comment from the Public Hearing- Young
- Department Committee Reports
  - Fire Department- K. Young
    - Report Provided – 4 Runs all Mutual Aid
    - Un Paid Fire Runs 2020-012 & 2020-013 Motion by Sebert to take 2020-012 & 2020-013 to small claims court 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens motion carried 4/0
  - Police- Simerson (not present)
    - Report Provided
      - 2021-2022 Proposed Budget provided
      - Police Committee Meeting – Young
        - Akron would like to charge for police protection based on population- Young discussed the implications of this concept- \$13,000 budget from the Village of Fairgrove
        - Not to mention all Fines and Liquor revenue go to the Village of Akron also – Young will keep us apprised
  - DPW- Thomas
    - Report Provided
      - 2021-2022 Employment contract- Sebert has questions and is requesting this item be researched more and more information be provided before approving the Contract- Young will contact other smaller Villages and see their DPW Salary's and Hours
  - Fire Fighters 501c3-
    - No report
  - Bean Festival Committee- Young – McIntosh
    - Report Provided
      - Young- Finalized Lease is ready for signatures Motion by McIntosh for Young to Contact Bean Festival President to get current Lease signed with the changes approved by the Council 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens motion carried 4/0
      - Motion by Sebert to have this signed by 03/01/2021 2<sup>nd</sup> by McIntosh motion carried 4/0
  - Planning Commission- Prusi
    - No Report
    - Prusi – Master plan almost complete section 3-6 need to be typed by the Clerk
- Clerk- Smith
  - December's Checking beginning and ending balances on all accounts provided

- Check Register reports for January Motion by McIntosh to approve the check register report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens Roll Call: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ Young motion carried 4/0
  - Motion by McIntosh to accept the Check Register report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sebert Roll call: Yes: McIntosh/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0
  - Bills presented for approval: ATB&D \$6,794.90
    - Young would like to reach out to ATB&D about the additional charge above the \$7,000 we paid for the Audit for service they did two years in a row- Council recommend Young get with ATB&D about this bill
    - Motion by McIntosh to pay the Bill from Fund Equity once Young get the Statement and Conversation with ATB&D resolved and the payment will need an adjustment from Fund Equity of Maximum \$6,795.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens Roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ Young motion carried 4/0
    - Motion by Sebert to transfer \$4,000 out of the Local Streets general fund to finish the 2020-2021 Street Budget lighting obligations 2<sup>nd</sup> by McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ young Motion carried 4/0
    - Motion by McIntosh to pay the \$ 1,652.00 to Conway Shield for turn out gear and file an insurance claim for the \$1472.00 for a replacement mask that was melted on scene 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ Young motion carried 4/0
- Bookkeeper-Harrison
  - Report provided
  - Reconciliation- up until December 1<sup>st</sup> is complete some investigation and correction will be looked at to balance the 2 remaining accounts belief is that the accounts were never at Zero and will need adjustments
  - Website is up and could go live once Council would like Motion by Sebert to make the new ww.VillageofFairgrove.com website go live ASAP 2<sup>nd</sup> by McIntosh motion carried 4/0
- Old Business-
  - McLuney Bid Tabulations: -Smith
    - 4 bids received from \$39,000 to 52,000 presented to Council to bid acceptance and Resolution 2020-001 present for the State to review and award the Contract Motion by Stevens to accept the bid from Astec Asphalt in the projected amount of \$39,500.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sebert Resolution 2021-001 roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ Young Resolution 2021-001 adopted 4/0

- New Business-
  - Letter for Consideration for Council vacant seat- Harrison Letter read into record- Young Motion by Steven to appoint Leslie Harrison to the Village of Fairgrove Council for the remainder of the term 2<sup>nd</sup> by McIntosh motion carried 4/0
  - Resolution 2021-002 Sewer Rate Increase motion by McIntosh 2<sup>nd</sup> Sebert roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ Young Resolution 2021-002 adopted 4/0
  - Revenue Share for 2021 Roads- Stevens 7.4% increase for Next Fiscal year \$58,417 in 2020 \$62,766 for 2021
  - Terminated Treasure update- 1st letter sent to Gray had no response as of last week a stronger worded letter went to Gray- Follow up next week with results
  - CPA Letter- Young approved 5 letters that went out to Local CPA Firms with one response of interest
  - Newsletter- Smith Analyzed the cost and effectiveness of the newsletter- \$153.25 a quarter without labor cost \$613.00 a year without labor- Discussion on the Newsletter- Council approved the last Newsletter to be mailed in the Village tax bill with notice to Villagers to start using the NEW WEBSITE
  - Lagoon Payment- Smith we have only paid one quarter of the 4 quarters of the Lagoon Payments we still have \$14,000 in this year's budget since the Lagoon Board has not been billing for this since Carl passed – Smith would like this payment made so the Budgets stays on track form year to year- Motion by Stevens to pay the Akron- Fairgrove Lagoon Board the Village of Fairgrove's \$14,000 for the remaining 3 quarters of the Lagoon Board payments 2<sup>nd</sup> McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ Stevens/ McIntosh/ Young motion carried
  - Water Softener- Mid-West water softener gave two estimates for a residential water softener \$1160.70 / Lager unit that supports the urinal \$1478.70 Discussed and motion by Stevens to table 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sebert motion carried 4/0
- Correspondence: None
- Audience Recognition: None
- Meeting adjourned @ 8:04 pm Motion by McIntosh 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sebert

Next meeting:

Budget Hearing March 1, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Uber Conference

March 1, 2021 @ 6:30 Via Uber Conference no in person meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Cristi Smith- Clerk

Posted 2/02/2020 @ 1:45 p m