

# VILLAGE of FAIRGROVE

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Village of Fairgrove Council Meeting  
03/01/2021 Public Hearing Commencing @ 5:50 pm  
Regular Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
NO in person meeting  
VIA Uber Conference  
1-989-341-3422

In Attendance: Young/Harrison/ Stevens/ Sebert  
Absent: McIntosh

**5:51pm- Young opens Public hearing on: Approval of an Establishment of an Industrial Development District – Cooperative Elevator  
Via UberConfrence: Jim McLoskey- Steve Ericson- Andy Gusa- Tom Blome – Gary on behalf of the Co-Operative Elevator**

Statements made- Nothing to do with Zoning- Terms is up to 12 years- Because of dollars invested / jobs created IFT is win – win for community and the Village- Village collects taxes still and Co-Op receives a tax break- Expansion is the first building then the other two right away -

**5:58 pm- Young opens Public Hearing on: Approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – Cooperative Elevator**

Completion date of June 2022- 1<sup>st</sup> will be the fertilizer dry storage other phases all completed it is greater than 1-million-dollar expansion- IFT cannot be extended as thought at one point of the discussion-

**6:01- Young opened public hearing on: Start of Public Hearing 2021-2022 Village of Fairgrove Budget**

Andy Gusa stated they would not apply for an extension- employee possibilities would be 9 currently on staff immediately 2 more to hire and long term goal is 4 to 7 additional- Co-Op statement they are not a big company- they are a Co-op the profits go to the local farmers- they are a good steward of the Community and Good neighbors- Donate back to the Village of Fairgrove- Storage estimate of 3000 tons of dry fertilizer – 1<sup>st</sup> phase is 140 wide x 126 long 40 ft tall building cost of all phases is approximately 2.5 million to include such things as sewer/ equipment/ sewer hook up etc. No additional public comment or council questions currently ...No questions from the Public regarding the Budget

- Welcome remarks led by Young @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Young
- Blight Officer added to Agenda by – Young -Motion by Stevens with addition to Approve the Agenda 3/01/2021 2nd by Sebert motion carried 4/0/1
- Motion by Harrison to Approve Meeting Minutes from 02/01/2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Stevens by motion carried 4/0/1
- Audience Recognition:
  - Stevens- Jamie Stevens via Stevens asking about the gravel down McLuney
- Department Committee Reports
  - Fire Department- K. Young
    - Report Provided
    - 2020-015 Won a judgement of \$1,062 Clerking to proceed in Collection Motion by Sebert to pursue all avenues to collect from 2020-015 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens motion carried 4/0/1
  - Police- Simerson
    - No Report Provided
  - DPW- Thomas
    - Report Provided
    - Hourly vs. Salary Motion by Sebert to pay Thomas \$16.50 per hour for 30 hours a week 5 days of Personal @ 6 hours and 7 holidays @ 6 hours and Holidays emergency call in will be paid @ time and half 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
  - Fire Fighters 501c3-
    - No report
  - Bean Festival Committee-
    - No Report Provided
      - Young- Lease is signed 02/27/2021 until 10/31/2023
  - Planning Commission- Sebert
    - Report -Minutes 02/09/2021

- Council approval of Hall split 036-017-000-3400-00 Motion by Sebert to approve the split was at one time two parcels then one now going back to the original 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Harrison motion carried 4/0/1
    - Co-Op Building permit Motion by Stevens to approve the permit 2<sup>nd</sup> Harrison motion carried 4/0/1
  - Clerk- Smith
    - January Checking beginning and ending balances on all accounts provided
    - Check Register reports for January
      - Motion by Harrison to accept the Check Register report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens Roll call: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
      - Bills presented for approval: Spicer for Valve in conjunction with Akron Project \$1,116.50 Motion by Sebert to pay the bill presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harrison roll call: Yes; Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
      - Budget adjustments Sebert motion to make the budget adjustments as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
  - Bookkeeper-Harrison
    - Report provided
    - Reconciliation- GF need one small adjustment to balance all are complete
    - Website: Harrison trained Clerk to manage the site
  - Old Business-
    - CPA-letters of Interest Motion by Sebert to table until April's meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harrison motion carried 4/0/1
    - Water Softener- Tabled item- Motion by Stevens not to purchase a Water Softener for the Village no further support motion fails
    - Terminated Treasurer- Young Attorney reached out by phone to Ms. Gray and she informed our Attorney that she never received any letters sent to her- The offer by Ms. Gray is to pay half of the pay she did receive in error \$277.05- Motion by Sebert to accept the offer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harrison roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
  - New Business-
    - Attorney- New – Young Motion by Sebert to table until April's meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harrison motion carried 4/0/1
    - Russell encroachment- Young After further review the Village is taking the Stand that they do not do property disputes and will inform the Russell family of this position
    - Park Easement- Young-Complaint by Wassa regarding the 4-foot easement granted by Sebert's when they purchased lot in 2020 -The concern was addressed with Sebert's and there will be a clearly defined easement line once the fence is installed early spring

- Mailbox vs. Plow: DPW did clearly hit one mailbox during recent snow plowing- No policy in place at time of incident motion by Sebert to pay one time to Mallets \$150.00 with no further action by Council or DPW 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harrison roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
    - Policy 2021-001 Mailbox replacement Policy- Read into record by Young- Motion by Sebert to accept as written and set Mailbox rate @ \$45.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
    - Added Signatory- Resolution 2021-004 A third name needs to be added to the Bank Accounts as Council Ordinance states Motion by Harrison to add Sebert to all account 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
    - Added agenda item: Blight Officer- Young One applicant Officer Kunison of the Caro Police Department for part time Blight enforcement officer Motion by Sebert to formalize his employment with the Village 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens motion carried 4/0/1
    - Last call for public input: Hearing None
  - Approved- Wages/ Fees 2021-2022
    - President \$2,500 plus meetings
    - Council \$40.00 meetings regular & Special
    - Clerk/ Treasurer \$26,000
    - Zoning Administrator – Young sought out 4 other comparable Village to see the comparison rate of their ZA- Unionville cost per permit \$20 ZA paid \$20 for transaction/ Kingston cost per permit \$20 ZA = \$25.00 for transaction / Mayville \$50.00 per meeting/ Akron cost permit & ZA= \$20 – Village trying to get back in alinement – Prusi reason for pay increase this year was Master Plan work @ meetings Childs- Ahrens- F. Young- Eurich gave their opinions then they were rewritten or corrected not updated since 1990- then given to the Clerk to type and final has been handed over to the Clerk- 2 or 3 times a week he drives the town looking for ordinance violations – Sebert requested copy of the Master Plan- Prusi once he receives it he will get her and everyone a copy- waiting for Clerk to type and finish- Young- the \$10.00 per hour Prusi has been charging the Village does not fall under Zoning enforcement @ \$10.00 an hour Prusi-2006 He took the job for \$300 a year and ½ the permit fee of \$20.00 Then “they” added the \$10.00 per hour enforcement which started at \$7.00- Council furthered the discussion Motion by Sebert to raise the Zoning Permit fee from \$20.00 to \$35.00 pay the Zoning Administrator \$30.00 of the permit fee collected and \$5.00 retained by the Village and \$20.00 per meeting attended by Zoning administrator 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens- Prusi interrupted and asked about the \$300.00 a year as originally set -Young not part of this motion - roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
    - ZBA \$20.00 per meeting
    - Planning Commission- \$20.00 per meeting

- DPW Part-time \$16.50
- On call worker \$13.00
- Fire Chief \$3000 per year plus Firefighter Wages
- Fire Officers \$200.00 per year
- Firefighters \$11.00 per hour for Fire Run/ \$10.00 per training meeting \$5.00 Routine Meeting/ \$5.00 per Fire Run paperwork
- Fees: as modified
- Motion by Stevens to set Wages and Benefits 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sebert roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1
- Resolutions:
  - 2021-003 2021-2022 Budget for Village of Fairgrove Fiscal year as presented motion by Sebert to accept the 2021-2022 Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young motion carried 4/0/1 Resolution 2021-003 adopted
  - 2021-005 Resolution to Establish an Industrial Development District read into record by Young Motion by Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young Resolution 2021-005 adopted
  - 2021-006 Resolution Approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate read into record by Young- IFT for 12 years motion by Sebert 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harrison roll call vote: Yes: Harrison/ Sebert/ Stevens/ Young Resolution 2021-006 adopted

- Correspondence

- Connected Nation – Information about Company for internet in our area

- Audience Recognition:

- Co-Op Thanked the Council for the assistance on this expansion

Motion by Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting: April 5, 2021 @ 6:30 Please check the Website for updated meeting information**

Respectfully Submitted

Cristi Smith- Clerk

Posted 03/02/2020 @ 11:30 a m