

VILLAGE of FAIRGROVE

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Village of Fairgrove Council Meeting
04/05/2021
Regular Meeting @ 6:30 pm
NO in person meeting
VIA Uber Conference
1-989-341-3422

In Attendance by roll call: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young

- Welcome remarks led by Young @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Young
- Motion by Sebert to approve the Agenda 04/05/2021 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 5/0
- Motion by Harrison to Approve Meeting Minutes from 03/01/2021 2nd Stevens by motion carried 4/0/1
- Motion by Harrison to approve the minutes from the 04/01/2021 Special 2nd by Stevens motion carried 5/0
- Audience Recognition:
 - Fern Young- Glad to be back in Fairgrove- Library looks great! Whole Town looks great!
- Department Committee Reports
 - Fire Department- Chief Young
 - Reports Provided
 - 1 Wednesday will be tornado siren testing @10:00 am for 3 minutes then 3 short blasts
 - Outside instructor Haz Com out of Saginaw was informative and would like to use him again
 - September 2021 Chief Styles- addressing Fire Fighter Rescue at the Smoke Tower in Caro \$400.00 for 2 days will be divided between other Departments
 - Possibly adding 2 new Fire Fighters- Prospects are Fire Fighter Trained and looking to be added to our Department- 1- is a woman
 - Battery Powered Jaws- Fairgrove Township and Gilford Township have already agreed to pay their portion of the new Capital purchase- April 13th the jaws will be demonstrated to Juniata Township- 3 weeks ago apx. There was a demonstration of the current jaws vs. the hydraulic –

battery powered ones being proposed- side note the ones currently in use failed at a scene- Videos are available on request from President Young- Chief Young- Ram / glass break/ Under water/ ion batteries cost to the Village \$4,354.60 based on 10 sections- Harrison asked if this was a 1 time fee or annual- It would be a one time purchase to the Village- Motion by Harrison to contribute the \$4,354.60 which is the Villages portion of the purchase of the Jaws 2nd by McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young motion carried 5/0

- Chief Young is very appreciative of the Councils support
- DNR Grant- Fire Fighters have been measured for turn out gear from the Funds awarded in the DNR Grant
- Police- Simerson
 - Report Provided
 - Contract from the Village of Akron Motion by McIntosh to sign the 2021-2022 contract with the Village of Akron 2nd by Stevens motion carried 5/0
 - Motion by Harrison to pay the Village of Akron \$13,000 for Police protection for 2021-2022 2nd by McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young motion carried 5/0
- DPW- Thomas
 - Report Provided
 - Brush Pick up is April 12th
 - Thomas- Provide comparison for Council to consider options for the Utility Vehicle for the DPW- Thomas spoke on the pros and cons of the utility vehicle he is looking at- top pick for Thomas is a “mini- truck” to take delivery of mini truck is an additional \$700.00 it is from North Carolina- Sebert has relatives that own different mini trucks and the main issue is repairs and replacement parts- Thomas is looking at truck bed size heated option and can be used to travel to the dump- Sebert once again voiced concerns over parts availability- would like Thomas to looking into options on “Gator” to see if what he is looking is available and the cost vs. the mini truck option-Motion by Stevens to table until further investigation is done 2nd by Sebert motion carried 5/0
 - Dump pass – Letting Villages obtain a paper Dump pass through the Clerk during Village hour and form will be on the website- This will explain what can be brought to the Dump and will have weekend hours that Thomas will man- Motion by Sebert to begin the Dump Pass process in the Village of Fairgrove to Village Residents 2nd by Harrison motion carried 5/0
- Fire Fighters 501c3-
 - No report
 - Mother’s Day Breakfast was not supported by the Volunteers do to COVID restrictions

- Mother's Day flower basket sales will be happening this year please watch for the flyers the expected pick update is May 8th which is the day before Mother's Day
 - Bean Festival Committee-
 - No Report Provided
 - Young- Heard that the Egg drop was fun!
 - Planning Commission- Sebert
 - No Report
 - Resignation letter by Prusi was read into the record motion by McIntosh to accept resignation 2nd by Sebert motion carried 5/0
 - Appointment- Letter of interest presented by Michael Dew- Motion to appoint Dew by Sebert (McIntosh thought an additional interest was available no letter was received) 2nd by Harrison motion carried 5/0
 - Clerk- Smith
 - February Checking beginning and ending balances on all accounts provided
 - Check Register reports for February
 - Motion by Harrison to accept the Check Register report 2nd by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Bills presented for payment: MML Workman's Comp \$1,565/ My Members Insurance \$21,571/ Clerk Smith \$1,244.22 for payment of Cell phone bills during no active Credit Card and Office remodel/ motion by Harrison to pay the presented bills 2nd by Sebert roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Final 2020-2021 budget adjustment- Motion by McIntosh to make the adjustments needed to finish 2020-201 fiscal year 2nd by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Bookkeeper-Harrison
 - Report provided
 - Sewers need a returned item for Consumers to balance and tax account needs a credit from TCF bank of .04 cents
 - Old Business-
 - Category B award- Spicer took a look after being contacted by the Clerk since we were having trouble with the engineering of the scope of work- Spicer presented additional work that should be completed to make McLuney Street up to ADA requirements and other items they noted that should be upgraded or complete to make McLuney complete and not needing additional work in the near future the new estimate is \$118,000 with an increase of Category B money to \$61,900 which leaves approximately \$56,100 as the Village portion an increase of \$9,600 to complete the Project the right way- There was an additional discussion about having the original Scope by Townley Engineering be reviewed by Fleis & Vandenbrink or the Tuscola County Road Commission to see if

the Village has any recourse against Townley or Rhodes for the recently complete McLuney project

- Motion by Harrison to have Spicer Engineer and Manage the McLuney Street Project 2nd by Sebert roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Motion by Sebert to have Clerk Smith Investigate if there is Action that can be taken by The Village against Townley or Rhodes for the work on McLuney 2nd by Harrison motion carried 5/0
 - Terminated Treasure- We received the settlement check and matter is closed
 - Lawyer- Presented bill recently received from Smith Bovill P.C. 2 significant error on the bill
 - Addressed to Carl Childs for Recreational Marijuana regulations...
 - Letter of interest received form Elder Zettle PLC for estimate of \$110.00 per hour out of Bay City Motion by Sebert to retain them as Council 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 5/0
- New Business-
- American Rescue Plan- 1.8 Billion of the Plan will be trickled down to the Village of Fairgrove – we will receive a portion of the \$145,639 that will be distributed to the Township of Fairgrove and they will have to distribute us our portion- Several details to be worked out before the money will be sent – however it appears that we may only be able to use the funds on infrastructure which is Roads – More details once they are received
 - Resolution 2021-007 Appointment of a PAR member- Motion was not presented no one from Council was appointed
 - LOWES Grant- Chief Young provided the link to the Clerk- Smith applied for the grant hoping to get the award of up to \$25,000 and work on the park bath house
- Missed the Audit portion under old Business: Young informed the Council that She had a very informative conversation with Angie from ATB&D- They cut the invoice significantly around \$10,000 dollars for this year’s audit the Council had sent our request for bids and tabled this line item at last meeting Proposals are : Weinlander Fitzhugh \$9,000 and Nietzke & Faupel PC \$7,600 motion by Sebert to proceed with Nietzke & Faupel PC proposal of \$7,600 to conduct the Village of Fairgrove’s Audit for the 2020-2021 fiscal year 2nd by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: Sebert/ McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison No: Young motion carried 4/1
 - Category B: Funds are up for grabs again- Village does not have any streets engineered to apply for grant- FYI it is available every year
 - Lagoon Board- Valve Replacement- Smith obtained the Re-stated Article of Incorporation for the Sewage Disposal System and in it states: Forced main repairs under Article XI #2 the Village of Fairgrove maintains the payment of \$1116.50 to Spicer for a forcedmain repair located outside the Village of Fairgrove Village limits and located and operated by the Lagoon was to be repaired by the Lagoon Board Motion by Sebert to withhold \$1116.50 from the Next Lagoon payment for the payment The

Village made to Spicer in February of 2021 for a forced main repair not in the Village of Fairgrove 2nd by Harrison motion carried 5/0

- Correspondence:
 - Martin's Funeral Home has made a hard decision to close
 - DTE – Tree work being conducted in our area
- Audience Recognition:
 - ** to unmute None
- Discussion about the next meeting in person or Virtual- Many factors to consider- Hybrid- In the Fire Hall- Council room- until we know more about the State of Michigan and the COVID number please watch the website for meeting details

Motion by Stevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm 2nd by Sebert Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: May 3, 2021 @ 6:30 Please check the Website for updated meeting information

Respectfully Submitted

Cristi Smith- Clerk

Posted 04/06/2020 @ 10:00am