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Village of Fairgrove Council Meeting
05/03/2021
Regular Meeting @ 6:30 pm
NO in person meeting
VIA Uber Conference
1-989-341-3422

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

- Welcome remarks led by Young @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Young
- Motion by McIntosh to approve the Agenda 05/03/2021 2nd by Stevens motion carried 5/0
- Motion by Sebert to Approve Meeting Minutes from 04/05/2021 2nd McIntosh by motion carried 5/0
- Motion by Harrison to approve the minutes from the 05/03/2021 Special 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 4/0/1
- Audience Recognition:
 - Fern Young- Has a complaint once again about the chickens and a rabbit - they are on her ramp just about every morning and soiling it/ Jamie McIntosh- On brush pick up day she witnessed Ron Thomas driving the DPW Truck -Young stated it is on agenda
- Department Committee Reports
 - Fire Department- Chief Young
 - Reports Provided-7 emergency calls for April
 - Fire Fighters hanging basket sale is Saturday \$20.00 each 75 baskets @9:00 am
 - June 13th Sunday a pancake to go breakfast motion by McIntosh to allow the Fire Department to host a to go Breakfast 2nd by Sebert motion carried 5/0
 - Chief would like to add Shayla Dew to the Department – she is an MMR EMT needs to take written exam- also C. J. Monville motion by McIntosh to approve the appointment of these two new Fire Fighters 2nd by Stevens Further discussion- K. Young- need to keep in mind the cost of payroll and insurance whether or not



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they are on runs or attending meetings not trying to discourage the department from expanding- Chief explained he has one Fire Fighter on the edge due to non-attendance – 2nd on probation until June or July in his first year as in the bi-laws-time frame- SOG- Currently carrying 24 Fighters can have up to 25- one additional one a wait list- call to vote motion carried 5/0

- Discussed turn out gear from DNR grant is on order and delivery day is being looked into for an ETA
- 2020-025- Motion by Stevens to allow the Clerk to pursue Small Claims Court 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 5/0
- FYI- Jaws of life- Juniata Township chose not to pay their portion of the purchase- we are looking into legal options- Young stated through 3rd party she had heard it was in their budget however their Board voted to not approve to pay

- Police- Simerson
 - No Report Provided
 - Blight-
 - Appointment- The appointment of the blight officer and the Village of Fairgrove have decided to cut ties- Matt Simerson Jr. has made his interest known- He is working with Matt Simerson Sr. and a reserve officer together he will be training Simerson Jr. Motion by Stevens to appoint Matt Simerson Jr. to Village of Fairgrove Blight Officer 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 5/0

- DPW- Thomas
 - Report Provided
 - Non- approved employees- R. Thomas worked 4/12 to help with brush pick up day- 6 hours- Sebert why are we obligated to pay R. Thomas? Who approved his working? Smith- In October during last brush pick up DPW worker Thomas had rented the equipment and ready to start chipping and collecting brush when he was notified the scheduled employee would not be in to assist so in a bind R. Thomas was there to help- R. Thomas was given the W-4 documents they were never turned in to the Clerk- Sebert motion not to pay Ron Thomas for 04/12/2021 6 hours 2nd by McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Sebert/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Sebert made the motion to only pay Village employees approved by Village Council and recognized as a Village Employee's and only Employed Village employees can drive Village equipment (Policy was discussed to come to the above mention wording) 2nd by McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Sebert/ Young motion carried 5/0

- Park- Sebert- Went over old books of park planning with Thomas- generic maps and plans for vacant parking lot- will have an agenda for the next park meeting- Russell Family looking to do a memorial for their family to have at the Park or on the Village Lot- Possible items were presented to the Russell family waiting to hear back



- Fire Fighters 501c3-
 - No report
 - Mother's Day Breakfast – not happening
 - Mother's Day flower basket mentioned under Chief Young- Fire Department
- Bean Festival Committee- Lockwood
 - Verbal Report Provided
 - This is the 75th Anniversary of the Festival – Motion by McIntosh to support the 75th Michigan Bean Festival for 2021 with keeping in mind we are still subject to all State restriction that may arise due to COVID 2nd by Sebert motion carried 5/0
 - June 20th Chicken BBQ at Snow Works pre order is available on-line at the MI Bean Fest website it is to ensure they do not run out
 - No carnival ride yet due to COVID they will have Food/ Car show/ demolition derby
- Planning Commission- Sebert
 - No Report
- Clerk- Smith
 - Check Register reports for March
 - Motion by McIntosh to accept the Check Register report 2nd by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Sebert/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Bills presented for payment: Waldorf for forced main @ Lagoon Motion by McIntosh to take the payment out of quarterly bill owed to Lagoon 2nd by Stevens roll call vote: Yes: McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Sebert/ Young motion carried 5/0
 - Clerk Vacation May 25th @ 1:00 returning Tuesday June 1 Motion by Sebert for Clerk to go on vacation 2nd by McIntosh motion carried 5/0
- Bookkeeper-Harrison
 - Report provided
 - All Account BALANCE Young- Thank you Leslie Great JOB!
 - Checking Balance report- Motion by Sebert to accept the report 2nd by McIntosh roll call vote: Yes: McIntosh/ Stevens/ Harrison/ Sebert/ Young motion carried 5/0
- Old Business-
 - Category B award- Spicer Time Line of the Construction project as provided by Spicer Discussion about fine tuning the time line being tightened up worst case will be December of 2021-Young was in attendance of the April 29th meeting along with Stevens and they are very satisfied of the professionalism and thoroughness of Spicer and feel confident that the mistakes made last round will not happen Spicer is very reputable they did the original sewer project for the Village- there will be several walk through and hands on by both Spicer and the Village- The mention of gravel and that it would need to be a waste of resources since the project will be starting in less than 45 days-
 - Emergency Telephone Tree- Next step is to have Chief Young supply names and phone numbers of Fire Fighters and which category they will be in to complete the 24-hour emergency plan



- New Business-
 - Park Drive Water- There is a Property owner that is pumping water out into their back yard – it is affecting the surrounding residents- 2 have been in- they have been informed that the Village’s drains have been checked and are draining properly- they were asked to reach out to the Health depart- Building Codes have had a conversation with the Village and also are not finding a liability on their end either – Homeowner is not had dialogue with the surrounding residents – this is a FYI for the Council
- Correspondence:
 - Akron Fairgrove Schools will be working with the Village to get some projects completed around the Village hall since the NHS students need community service hours
 - Memorial Day in Mulberry Park will be taking place this year- McIntosh asked who takes care of that section- Young said it has been done in the past by Community Members, VFW, Volunteers are needed– asked to have it added to the digital sign
- Audience Recognition:
 - ** to unmute
 - Ann Marie- List of Local Street up for repairs- Young Center Street East will be our Major Roads project with the help of the Grant we will receive – it will require curb, gutter, storm sewer, resurfacing around \$900,000- Circle drive will be engineered in 2023
 - Park Drive clearing around the R/R tracks is newer property owner Harmon
 - Jamie McIntosh- Cat issue- Villagers are feeding the cats is there a policy about strays? Clerk will research and bring possible solutions to the next meeting
 - Fern Young- Thought there was an ordinance on farm animals in the Village McIntosh read from Ordinance 39- Young we are getting a clear policy from legal and will be having the new Blight officer enforce this once it is clearly spelled out

Motion by Sebert to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm 2nd by Stevens Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: June 7, 2021 @ 6:30 Please check the Website for updated meeting information (Possible in person in Fire Hall)

Respectfully Submitted

Cristi Smith- Clerk

Posted 05/04/2020 @ 1:00 pm



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