

Duplain Township Regular Meeting

March 8, 2023

The March 8, 2023 regular meeting of the Duplain Township Board was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm, at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main, Elsie. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Bruce Levey, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski and Dawn Levey.

Visitors: Val Vail-Shirey

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of election/clerk update and MTA conference request under new business. It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by A. Bowen to adopt the agenda as amended. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the 2/15/22 regular meeting and the 2/22/23 special meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by A. Bowen and supported by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes as printed. Approved.

Financial Reports: Amy Bowen, treasurer, presented the financial reports.

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| • General Fund | \$353,494.52 |
| • Emergency Service | \$162,982.58 |
| • Road Fund | \$68,502.61 |
| • Tax Fund | \$730,936.59 |

It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by D. Levey to approve the financial reports as presented.

Correspondence: Accident Fund refund.

Sheriff Report: No Report

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Unfinished Business:

- Roads/Bridges/Mill Pond -
- Line Item for American Rescue Funds –
- Parks and Recreation Committee Report – It was reported that the Duplain Township Parks and Recreation 5-year Master plan was approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Landline – Frontier was contacted, and the landline has been disconnected and the township is now waiting for the final bill.
- Annual Township meeting March 25, 10 am.

New Business:

- Fire Update – Amy Bowen. The new fire truck is up and running, the truck has been lettered, \$215,000 purchase. Ready to serve fee up 5% , \$38.85 per capita. The 1992 truck will be put up for sale. In Duplain Township there were eighteen rescue runs and four fire runs.

- Ambulance Update – Dawn Levey. Clinton Area Ambulance Service: runs to date – 657 compared to 578 in 2022; rescue runs 26, and in 2022 15. CAAS is reviewing the current charges and considering an increase for runs. Currently the board is reviewing proposals for paid time off and how it is earned. The topic has prompted considerable debate, no decision has been made. Cash on hand \$170,709, accounts receivable is up \$24,676 and current assets are down \$3,472. Note that runs are up but expenses are as well.
- Road Projects 23-24 – Duplain Township met with the Clinton County Road Commission today, 3/8/23, the results: See attached. Cost share \$33,014.14. Anticipating spending \$150,000 on road improvements.
- Budget Review – This is the preliminary the final budget will be approved at the annual meeting on March 24, 2023. Note that there have already been changes. Officials were recommended to review it further and forward suggestions to the clerk. See attached.
- Election/Clerk Update: Dawn Levey. With the passing of Proposal 2 there are numerous changes which are going to increase costs and change procedures. The State will be providing a drop box and a camera will not be required because it will be permanent and not movable. Nine days of early voting is going to increase costs – 3 people, \$15 hour, 8 hours for nine days prior to the election approximately \$3,240 per election. There will be one election in February 2023 and two in 2024. The new regulations will only apply to state and federal elections. The 2023-24 reflects no change so that there is a carry over. More information to come.
- Conference Request: MTA Annual Meeting – Moved by R. Boots and supported by A. Bowen. Approved.

County Commissioners Report: Val Vail-Shirley – R. Boots appointed to the County Library Board. Solar issues in Greenbush Township, is a member of the Planning Commission. The company met all the points of the application and it was approved. The rules and regulations be reviewed and that a professional and experienced renewable energy engineer to advise the board. Eagle mega-site, in turmoil. Hollister and M21 is being addressed, more to come. Broad-band is moving forward, the contract was awarded to Frontier. Frontier must follow the contract. M21 Ag Tech corridor, meetings need to set and the local townships need to be part of the conversation to avoid the Eagle situation.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item

Bills: Budget Amendment requests: Moved by R. Boots, and supported by A Bowen to approved the budget amendments as presented. Approved.

- Department Assessor: move \$150.00 from 101-209-730.00 (postage) to 101-209-727.00 (supplies).
- Increase 101-00-483 Split Fee Revenue \$250.00 and then increase line item 101-209-803.00 Split Fee to \$750.00.
- Requisition Board approval to make budget amendments to Parks and Recreation Department as advised by the auditor. This involves the American Rescue Funds.

Bills totaling \$5,108.11 were presented with explanation for approval. It was moved by R. Boots and supported by A. Bowen to approve the bills as presented.

Things that need to be talked about: Board of review.

Adjournment: It was moved by R. Boots and supported by R. Ladiski to adjourn. Approved and adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk

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