

## DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

May 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order on May 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM via tele conference call by Supervisor Bruce Levey with the following board members present; Bruce Levey, Richard Bates, Amy Bowen, Dennis Baese and Robert Ladiski.

VISITORS: Dawn Levey and Doug Sturgis.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to approve the amended agenda by adding Absentee Voter Envelopes and hog barn to new business. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk R Bates read the minutes of the April 8, 2020 regular meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer A Bowen read the General Fund Financial Report with a combined balance of \$243,431.25. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen informed the board that the CD balance is \$12,960.87. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen read the Emergency Fund (Money Market) Report with a combined balance of \$4,000.00 and the Checking Account balance of \$125,914.08. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen read the Tax Account Report with a balance of \$0.00. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski, all motions carried unanimously.

VISITING OFFICIALS: Doug Sturgis informed the board that there is no date for the Fall Festival however there are group discussions taking place at this time on activities to possibly take place at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Charter Spectrum Cable

SHERIFF REPORT: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTN/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor B Levey stated that there isn't anything new on township roads however he stated that spot gravel is being applied on local roads at this time as well as some issues on North Watson Road being addressed.

Millage language has been approved and submitted to the Clinton County Clerk. Supervisor B Levey asked the board to consider informational news articles to be published one month and one week prior to the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. The board agreed to have Supervisor B Levey to submit the news articles to local news outlets. Amy Bowen also proposed setting up a township Face Book page and Doug Sturgis is willing to assist in getting this accomplished. Also posting this information on the township's web site.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

D Baese representing the Elsie Fire/Rescue Department informed the board that things are normal and that there was no meeting or bills to present however there is a meeting scheduled for May 20, 2020. Supervisor B Levey reported that there wasn't anything new to report on ambulance services.

Clerk R Bates informed the board of weekly changes from the Michigan Bureau of Elections (BOE) regarding voting procedures for the August and November elections. The largest concern is absentee voting and issuing absentee ballot requests to qualified voters. It is possible that the state will issue these requests but nothing is final at this time. Also in the past the county provided all envelopes to county jurisdictions needed to process issuing absentee ballots. The township clerks were informed by the county clerk that this is no longer the case and that all townships in Clinton County will be responsible in acquiring their own envelope inventory at their cost. This should be considered when preparing the next budget. The cost for 1,500 outgoing envelopes as well as 1,500 return envelopes is approximately \$960.60 plus freight. For the August and November elections the state is reimbursing all jurisdictions 40% of qualified electors which amounts to approximately \$700.00 for Duplain Township. Keep in mind this is the information available this week.

Supervisor B Levey informed the board that Jeff Houska approached him with how to proceed with the construction of a hog barn on their property located north of Elsie on Mason Road and was informed that he will have to contact the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Department. Also he was informed to expect some resistance from surrounding citizens based on past experiences.

CLINTON COUNTY: COMMISSIONER: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

Bills in the amount of \$26,663.69 were presented by Clerk R Bates and a motion to pay the bills as presented was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. Motion carried unanimously. Also it was decided by the board to pay the deputy supervisor and deputy clerk in November 2020.

There was no further business so a motion to adjourn was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM, May 13, 2020.



Richard Bates  
Duplain Township Clerk