

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

December 9, 2020, 2020

Phone in meeting only per revised Michigan COVID-19
DHS Health Order; State of Michigan

The meeting was called to order on December 9, 2020, at 7:30 PM by phone in meeting by Supervisor Bruce Levey with the following board members present; Bruce Levey, Sandra Frink, Amy Bowen, Dennis Baese and Robert Ladiski.

VISITORS: Dawn Levey, Kam Washburn, Mark Holley, Diane Bates, Doug Sturgis and Richard Bates.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America after which there was a moment of silence to honor fallen veterans.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sandra Frink read the minutes of the November 11, 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 \$119,637.62 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 \$13,148.57 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 \$108,062.46 and the Checking Account balance of \$2,822.00 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 \$1,287.93 A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. All motions above carried unanimously.

VISITING OFFICIALS: N/A

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

SHERIFF REPORT: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor B Levey informed the board that he has been in contact with agent John Johnson of Burnham & Flower, the townships' insurance company regarding liability coverage on the Elsie Bridge and at this time there is still no coverage. B Levey has not heard back but will try to reach out the John Johnson once again.

Discussion took place on the surveying issue between the Duplain Church of Christ and adjacent landowners. Supervisor B Levey checked with the Michigan Township Association regarding the township's liability. Input was received from Clinton County Commissioner K Washburn and Assessor Dr. Mark Holley on possible action and the possibility of the affected landowners to work out a solution between their selves. The current status is that the Duplain Church & Mrs. Strickland must work out the issue themselves.

Treasure A Bowen will work on transferring the Consumers Energy bill into our name regarding Friendship Park

Clerk S Frink transition is going well. S Frink is working on the notary republic completion.

NEW BUSINESS

D Baese representing the Elsie Fire/Rescue Department informed the board the meeting was cancelled & nothing to report.

Dawn Levey gave report on Clinton Area Rescue. -----

Dr. Mark Holley Tax Assessor presented the Resolution for 2021 Poverty Exemptions guidelines. The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

1 person \$12,760
2 person \$17,240
3 person \$21,720
4 person \$26,200
5 person \$30,680
6 person \$35,160
7 person \$39,640
8 person \$44,120
Each additional person, add \$4,480

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to approve and except the 2021 Federal Poverty Guideline Assessments. Roll Call Vote - Levey- Aye, Bowen- Aye, Frink-Aye, Baese-Aye, Ladiski-Aye

President B Levey stated there will be a Board Of Review meeting December 15th,2020 at 9:00 am at the Township Hall

Supervisor B Levey contacted Mid-Michigan for the repairs on 6 head stones that were damaged from fallen trees, the estimate is \$575 that B Levey will be turning into the insurance company Also requested a quote for an additional 5 headstones in need of repairs as well from aging and weather-related destruction at \$75 each with a total of \$375. With a total cost of \$950 for all repairs.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to approve cemetery repairs

Supervisor B Levey spoke with Tri County Electric regarding the placement of high-speed fiber internet cables.

A motion made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to approve the internet cables. Roll Call Vote- Levey-Aye, Bowen-Aye, Frink-Aye, Ladiski-Aye, Baese-Aye

B Levey discussed the 2021 Township Board Meeting Calendar with the exception of adding the annual meeting March 27th at 10:00am. This is something that is usually done in March. However, Wendy Ward reached out to Clerk S Frink in need of the calendar due to her retirement.

Clinton County Commissioner: K Washburn commented on the present conditions at the county level on the current COVID19 pandemic stating that as of today there were 30 deaths and 2,964 positive cases in Clinton County. There will be 975 doses of the vaccine available December 16,2020. With essential health care workers being the first to receive the vaccine. Sparrow Health Systems will be disbursing the vaccine.

Kam also spoke about Treasure Amy Bowen regarding Library Millage with the L-4029 Winter Tax Bill. He wanted to commend Amy Bowen on her hard work & dedication to re-preparing, correcting & resending the corrected 2020 Winter Tax bills. With this she is handling many telephone calls & a lot of extra work that was not planned on nor is she being compensated for. He asked the board to consider recognizing that fact that she is working double duty for this massive undertaking and how well she is handling it.

Treasure Amy Bowen reported on the L- 4029 Winter Tax Bill discrepancy. At this time, a total cost of \$1,100 has been spent to correct this issue. Amy has spent many hours preparing the tax bills, printing, mailing & contacting mortgage companies who have already been provided with the Winter Tax bills. Hoping at the next meeting she will have a more accurate count of time & monies spent re-preparing the 2020 winter taxes.

As of 12.04.20, 36 property owners paid their Winter taxes. I have sent them a receipt for their payment, a bill for the remainder amount due along with a short explanation of what took place. I am certain we will have lots more like this throughout the tax season. The largest tax servicer who handles several of the mortgage companies escrow accounts, had already given the Winter Tax information to the mortgage companies. They will be submitting the original tax amount then paying the difference at another time.

PUBLIC COMMENT N/A

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by A Bowen to amend the budget by transferring the following amounts from 262-862 \$68.10 Milage, 262-900 \$31.00 Printing & Publishing, 253-730 \$650.00, 101-801 Contractual Salary \$2016,00. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$16,417.38 were presented by Clerk S Frink and a motion to pay the bills as presented was made by D Baese and supported by A Bowen. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business so a motion to adjourn was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM, December 9, 2020

Sandra Frink
Duplain Township Clerk