

## **Duplain Township Regular Meeting**

**February 14, 2024**

The February 14, 2024 regular meeting of Duplain Township was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie, MI. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present:** Bruce D Levey, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn D Levey. Note: Amy Bowen was attending the Elsie Area Fire Association Board meeting.

**Visitors:** Janet and Roger Dennings, Gail Wadell, Val Vail-Shirey, Teresa Owens, and Dr. Mark Holley

**Agenda:** It was moved by Robert Ladiski to approve the agenda, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 10, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by Roert Ladiski to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

**Financial Reports:** The monthly financial reports and account balances were presented for approval

- General Fund \$250,138.45
  - Money Market \$110,440.72
  - Savings Account \$ 185.00
  - CD \$ 13,959.17
- Emergency Fund \$ 9,709.12
  - Money Market \$ 98,130.47
  - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Tax Account \$215,903.76
  - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Road Fund \$ 54,367.94
  - Savings Account \$ 5.00

It was moved by Dawn D. Levey to approved the financial reports, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Special Report:** Raphael Kasem – Planning and Zoning Community Development – On the job since September 2024, the department is open for business, and is available for resources and as a resource. He is here for questions.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:**

- Road/Bridges/Dam – Grants have been submitted are in process. The USFW BILS grant is at the third phase of consideration at the national level. We remain optimistic. It is a public safety hazard, people still violating. The township has partnered with the Village of Elsie PD. Three people were ticket for trespassing.
- Board Salary Resolutions – no action.

- Election Update – Election officials are ready for early voting, Duplain will work Monday, February 19, 8a, -4 pm, Bingham, St. Johns. Officials will set-up for election on Sunday, February 25, 3 pm. Week-end hours are Saturday, February 24, 9am-1pm and Sunday, February 25, 1-5pm. Elections inspectors were approved at the Election Commission meeting and the public accuracy test was held Monday, February 12, 5 pm. and all went well.

**New Business:**

- Fire Update – Statement - Fire Department update. Assistant Chief Grinnell has been suspended indefinitely from his Assistant Chief role while we continue with our investigation. I have been appointed as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Fire Board. Mark Helt, Danny Chapko, and Jason Bowen have rejoined the fire department. The board is creating a Budget Committee and will start reviewing the budget for the 2024-25 year. A board member has started to attend the weekly Fire Department meetings. The fire and rescue personnel appreciate the board's involvement. It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve the fire run billings as they are received. Approved.
- Ambulance Update – Resolution for the new ambulance were received from all municipalities as was the 2024-25 budget.
- Budget Discussion – Increase in the assessor fee from \$18,000 to \$18,900. And the Friendship Park care taker Don Cramer is requesting an increase of \$200 for services rendered.
- Millage Request – The EMS and Road millages are up for renewal; ballot language must be submitted by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Consider ¼ mill road and ¼ mill for EMS.
- Road Commission Annual Meeting – is slated for March 13, 8 am.

**County Commissioner:** Val Vail-Shirey – Work group meetings February 15, 2024, 9 am; Greenbush Solar Project extension was addressed by Zoning and Planning February 8, 2024, it was ill prepared, laughable ask. Unanimously denied. Will now be forwarded to the full Commission. At the February 20 meeting will address the Solar and Wind ordinance. Q and A followed.

**Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items:**

- Teresa Owen – Citizens for Local Choice; circulating petition to return local control regarding wind and solar utility size projects.
- Janet Dennings – Frontier landline connections are connected to the fence being in place Frontier will be connected.

**Clerks Report:**

- It was recommended that the following budget amendments be approved: transfer \$1,000 from 101-101-931 (computer maintenance) to 101-101-801 Professional and Contractual Services and transfer \$500 from 101-262-958 (Training) to 101-262-730 (Postage). It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve budge amendments. Approved.
- Expenditures totaling \$33,424.87 were presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Ryan Boots to approve the expenditures. Approved.

**Things that need to be discussed:** The road list proposed by the Clinton County Road Commission.

It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to adjourn. Approved. Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk

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