

Duplain Township Regular Meeting

March 9th, 2022

Supervisor Bruce Levey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance of The Flag

Board members present: Bruce Levey, Amy Bowen, Sandra Frink, Ryan Boots & Bob Ladiski

Visitors: Brent Denovich, Stephanie Levey, Dana Dahlke, Kam Washburn, Val Vail-Shirey

Additions to & approval of agenda:

A motion was made by Amy Bowen, Bob Ladiski supported; motion carried to approve the agenda as written

Approval of Minutes: moved by Amy Bowen, supported by Ryan Boots to approve the February 9th, 2022, minutes as written. Motion carried

Additions to & approval of agenda:

Financial Report; Treasurer Amy Bowen

General Fund Financial \$272,262.91

Emergency Fund Report with a combined balance of \$172,109.35

Tax Account Report with a balance of \$599,035.69

Roads Account Report with a balance of \$53,779.84

Motion to approve the treasurer reports was made by **Bob Ladiski** & supported by **Sandra Frink** motion carried

Assessor Dr Mark Holley: N/A

Correspondence: Clinton Co Board of Commissioners letter regarding Marijuana use and sales along with land use. It was recommended by the commission's legal counsel that marijuana activities will be designated to the individual townships.

Sheriff Report: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Road/Bridges/Mill Pond: Reminder about the Road Commission meeting Wednesday March 16th at 8am at the Road Commission. Supervisor Levey & Tim Swain have been looking at roads for upcoming repairs. Along with discussion of brush spray and chloride. It was stated that the

township is planning to spend \$100,000 on road repairs along with county matching funds of \$49,000.

FOIA Policy: Work in progress

American Rescue Plan: It was noted that paperwork needs to be completed with a plan on April 30th, 2022. The board talked about using the monies towards donations to Elsie Area Fire & Rescue. We have designated \$20,000 to Clinton Area Ambulance. It was also discussed that Broadband was being handled at the County Level and still no decision has been made however it is still a consideration to donate towards Broadband as this is an ongoing issue in our Township. The discussion will be continued at the March 19th annual meeting.

Annual meeting March 19th at 10am

The Annual Budget for 2022/2023 was presented by Supervisor Bruce Levey. We all viewed and discussed changes. Further discussion will be at our Annual Meeting.

Fire update: Amy Bowen reported the fire department is getting a new roof to the old portion of the fire department from storm damage. They raised \$6,900 from the fireman's dance which will be used to purchase a CPR machine. There were 2 runs in Duplain which were non billable. The per capita for fire & rescue service will be \$36.32 based on the updated census of 2023 as they are down 60 people.

Ambulance update: Dawn Levey talked about the ongoing effects of staffing & wages being a concern. Also, the capita per person is \$7 was discussed.

The Annual Budget for 2022/2023 was reviewed and discussed. We talked about line items that needed attention & will continue to work on and complete at the annual meeting on Saturday March 19th at 10am.

We talked about updates to Friendship Park needing to replace mulch, picnic tables & repairs to the outbuilding, details will be discussed at the annual meeting.

County Commissioner: Kam Washburn announced that he was retiring after 43 years of public service. He introduced us to Val Vail-Shirey from Victor Township, who is running on the Republican ticket for County Commissioner. It was noted that Diane Zuker will be retiring also in mid-July. The \$18 million dollar bond for the Road Commission was approved and they should start the new building in the next few weeks. Smith Hall & Clinton County Fair Grounds will be once again open to the public. There will be a special meeting to talk about the concern of Broadband being held in the Board of Commissioners room on Wednesday March 16th at 6pm.

The new 911 system is in place as of today, March 9th, 2022, at 3:15pm.

Stephanie Levey from OEYB asked the board for donations & support towards equipment for the ball teams. At this time the board feels that to be fair with all sports teams using the park that it would be fair to focus on facility improvements. Levey presented the teams plans for Bull

Pens with officials requesting costing & estimates. This will be tabled at the Annual Township March 19th meeting at 10am.

Bills: in the amount of \$7117.95 were presented by Clerk Sandra Frink. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Amy Bowen & supported by Bob Ladiski motion carried.

Adjournment: **Ryan Boots** moved **Amy Bowen** supported to adjourn the March 9th, 2022, council meeting at 8: 40pm Motion carried

Sandra Frink -Duplain Township Clerk