

Call to Order Supervisor Eric Voisinet called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance Attendance revealed Supervisor Eric Voisinet, Trustee Louis Faivor and Treasurer Bonnie Wohlfert. Also, in attendance were 10 others. Clerk Sandra June and Trustee Elizabeth June were excused due to personal reasons.

Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Trustee Faivor; seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert to approve the March 13, 2023, agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Trustee Faivor; seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report	Beginning Balance	\$481,789.53
	Receipts	62,000.08
	Disbursement	<u>(9,087.56)</u>
	Balance on Hand	\$534,702.05

A motion was made by Trustee Faivor; seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Payment A motion was made by Trustee Faivor; seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert to approve the payment of the invoices in the amount of \$9,074.56. Check# 9905-9924 (9907 voided) and the two automatic payments. MOTION CARRIED. For additional information, see Clerk's Bills Payable Report.

Sheriff's Report Clinton County Sheriff Deputy John Vance was not present.

DAESA Report DAESA representative Brad Boron presented the following:

- There have been 63 runs since the last meeting.
- The new rescue truck is out front and ready to go.
- DAESA donated turn-out gear to Ukraine.
- Michigan Graphics donated work to DAESA.
- The concrete drain at station 2 will need to be addressed.

Brad Boron introduced new DAESA chair, Kevin Garvey. Mr. Garvey shared that he is honored and privileged to serve as chair.

He is excited to share how important the men and women are that serve DAESA. Mr. Garvey suffered a stroke in late August and was at Sparrow Hospital in an hour. He is very grateful for the services provided; they save lives.

Fire Chief Joe Spagnuolo provided the 2022 Annual Report

- Covid 19 was still an issue resulting in maintaining and updating procedures and equipment.
- The fire prevention open house and annual pancake breakfast resumed.
- Provided send-off escorts for school sports teams.
- Attended the Public Safety Block Party event at DeWitt Francis Retreat Center.
- Assisted in the setup of the DeWitt Community Christmas and participated in the Santa Christmas Eve delivery event. Deliveries went up from 60 (2021) to 95 (2022) residents served.
- Participated in a touch-a-truck event at St. Peters in Riley Township, the DeWitt Christmas parade, the DeWitt Showcase event, and the DeWitt Homecoming parade.
- The Authority ordered and paid for a new apparatus in 2021 resulting in a 10% savings (total cost \$272,000). DAESA received the new vehicle in December 2022. First response to crashes, fires, and EMS can be provided with this one vehicle.
- The department sold two apparatus, a 1988 engine and a 1996 Dodge brush truck; received a 2015 Chevy Tahoe from the City of DeWitt which will be used as an administrative vehicle.
- The department had 1 member leave and hired 4 new members to bring the staff number to 28. Two members are currently on approved leaves of absence.
- Updated the AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) within the department and added protective equipment for AVI (Active Violence Incidents). Also added training in the area of AVI, agriculture rescue and solar power familiarization. These topics will now be regular areas of training for the department.
- Run totals have increased with 508 in 2020; 607 in 2021; and 603 in 2022.

DAESA 2023-2024 Budget

- The budget reflects a 7.5 to 8.5% increase.
- The goal was to address wages, resulting in a 5.5% increase.
- General Fund Revenues went from \$393,400 to \$415,400.

- The main station is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.
- The hourly rate was \$12.00 (9 hours) plus paid for runs. Effective July 1, 2023 this will change to \$17.50/hour straight, no additional run pay.
- The next step is to have a full-time chief; currently a 30-hour position.

Assessor Olive Township Assessor Peggy Lidgard was not present.

County Commissioner County Commissioner Ken Mitchell was not present.

Library Report None.

Public Comments John Ramsey and Joy Knaup, residents of 2497 W. Pratt, inquired about the notice they received from Clinton County regarding dividing the property at 8251 S. Dewitt. They didn't know that the topic had been discussed at the January 9, 2023 Olive Township board meeting or they would have attended. Mr. Ramsey added that the map doesn't show all the issues; it is not good for the wildlife area/wetlands. The Clinton County meeting did not allow for discussion; they just voted. Eric Voisinet shared some details that Doug Riley had provided at the January meeting. The township only provides a recommendation to Clinton County. Mr. Ramsey also thanked DAESA for paying for the new fire rescue truck up front.

Tim Hundt, resident at 2339 W. Pratt Rd., commented on several issues at 2261 W. Pratt Rd. He stated that there are seven non-moving vehicles on the property and one non-licensed truck. They added an illegal second drive. They buried shingles several years ago in the backyard. Mr. Hundt also inquired if there are any restrictions on what can be burned in an outside boiler because they also burn bad smelling items and even torched a fuel tank. Joe Spagnuolo shared that only wood, brush, and paper products should be burned; no treated products. DAESA has no authority to site the owner. The County, DNR, or State Health Department could assist.

Todd Prior, resident, asked if the township keeps the EMS/Fire money that is billed to residents. Eric Voisinet replied yes and added that the township only recoups about 20% of the annual DAESA cost. Mr. Prior also commented on the mess at the Alward

Road Cemetery; it could use a cleanup. A boy scout volunteer cleanup project was suggested.

Information Items

EMS Runs

9 February runs; 4 Fire, 5 EMS (3 cancelled enroute-same address, 1 overdose – no name)

Supervisor Eric Voisinet explained that the 3 cancelled enroute runs from the same address were accidental pushes on a medical alert device that Clerk Sandra June was looking for assistance with how to bill. Several in attendance shared their opinions (frequency charge; cancel fee). Trustee Louis Faivor moved to charge a half rate, \$100 for each cancelled enroute call or \$300 total, seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert. MOTION CARRIED

ARPA Project & Expenditure Report

Trustee Lou Faivor moved to report the DAESA payments from April 2022, July 2022, October 2022, and January 2023 totaling \$104,645.40 on the ARPA project and expenditure report that is due April 30, 2023, seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert. MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

2023 Olive Budget

Supervisor Eric Voisinet reviewed the most recent changes made to the 2023 Budget. Trustee Faivor moved to approve the 2023 Olive Budget, seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert. MOTION CARRIED

Clinton County Sheriff Funding

Supervisor Eric Voisinet contacted the Sheriff's office to inquire about the Tri-County METRO Narcotics Unit request for contributions to support the fight on drugs. The contributions received have ranged from \$200 to \$2,500. Supervisor Voisinet suggested contributing \$1,500. Trustee Faivor moved to contribute \$1,500, seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert. MOTION CARRIED

New Business

None

Board Member Comments

Trustee Louis Faivor commented that he is proud of the DAESA fire department and appreciates everything they do.

Supervisor Eric Voisinet commented on the high quotes received to replace windows at the township hall and Kevin Garvey shared that he would be glad to provide a quote.

Adjournment With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Faivor, seconded by Treasurer Wohlfert to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Treasurer Bonnie Wohlfert, Olive Township

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval at the April 10, 2023, Olive Township board meeting.