

## DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

July 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order on July 8, 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, Kam Washburn 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 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk R Bates read the minutes of the June 10, 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 \$184890.09. A motion to approve was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese.

Treasurer A Bowen informed the board that the CD balance is \$13,011.28. 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 \$3,822.00 and the Checking Account balance of \$110,988.19. 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: N/A

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

SHERIFF REPORT: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT/N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor B Levey stated that there isn't anything new on township roads however he stated that the second application of chloride is scheduled to be applied in August.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that the 2019/20 audit is on track and will take place on July 15, 2020 at the township hall beginning at 8:30 AM.

Treasurer A Bowen stated that information on the proposals is included with the mailing of the tax statements.

## NEW BUSINESS:

D Baese representing the Elsie Fire/Rescue Department informed the board that there were 10 fire runs in June, 32 runs year to date and 19 rescue runs with 117 year to date runs. There were two small fire runs caused by fireworks. There wasn't any news on the ambulance service except to note that Duplain Townships' annual fees have been paid.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that preparations for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election are proceeding as well as can be expected with 306 absentee ballots being issued at this time.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that the annual insurance policies have been paid and that an insurance adjuster has been assigned to process the damage to the township cemetery caused by a recent storm.

Clinton County Commissioner: Kam Washburn gave a COVID-19 update (day 119 EOS operations) 214 confirmed cases and 12 deaths, ten days ago a spike, spike due to the Harper's situation (180 cases over 19 counties, 10 cases in Clinton County), also a day care center situation. The last 10 days have been very sobering, hospitalizations have not seen an uptick, and deaths did not spike. We must continue to be cautious. Bonds were sold as slated and at a good rate approximately 1% for the 911 system update. New equipment is beginning to arrive. The timing of the election was good, the market settled down thus the 1%. Reopening as a County is going well, cooperation has been excellent and compliant. The Clinton County Commission will be virtual the month of July and then will be re-accessed. Courts are up and running, jury selection will take place at Smith Hall at the Clinton County Fair Grounds. Re-launch Greater Lansing Campaign (Clinton, Ingham, Eaton) is progressing including Shiawassee and Ionia County, information for businesses and how to reopen safely. Changes and updates are addressed daily. This is tough for small businesses; the Harper's situation has slowed the process. Will participate in a Webinar to research the CARES Act and how it affects Clinton County and what is allowable and what is not and how reimbursement will be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Doug Sturgis stated that the Business Expo proposed to take place in May did not take place however it may happen as a virtual platform on Face Book, July 19 through July 25, 2020 with four or five business' participating.

Due to receipt of several invoices received a day after the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting totaling \$54,115.83, a motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to amend the June 10 bills to reflect a corrected amount of \$58, 025.93. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by A Bowen to amend the budget by transferring \$1,000.00 from 101-102 Unallocated Balance to 191-727 Election Supplies, \$231.45 to 253-727 Treasure Supplies and \$436.45 to 266-801 Attorney Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$3,910.10 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.

A motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to pay the Elsie Fire Department \$1,000.00 from the Emergency Service Fund for fire runs 20-012, 013. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk R Bates informed the board on the current preparations regarding the August 4, 2020 Primary Election and how fluid the situation is with nearly daily emails either from the Bureau of Elections (BOE) or the Clinton County Clerk. The envelope issue is still not resolved and also that the BOE has issued absentee ballot applications to all Michigan qualified voters except those voters on permanent absentee voter lists which Duplain Township has and has had their applications mailed to them. Election Inspector Certification training has begun and is a two year requirement to be qualified to work on any elections.

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 8:38 PM, July 8, 2020.

Richard Bates  
Duplain Township Clerk