

Duplain Township Regular Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023

The January 11, 2023 regular meeting of the Duplain Township Board was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm, Duplain Township Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Members Present: Bruce Levey. Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski and Dawn Levey.

Visitors: Representatives of the Spicer Group and Val Vail-Shirey, County Commissioner.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of Mark Holley board of review dates and updates. It was moved by Amy Bowen to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

The Minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were presented to officials for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski, and supported by Ryan Boots to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

Special Reports – Spicer Group update officials on the status of the Duplain Township Park and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan. The public hearing and recommendations and next steps were discussed.

Action Item: The Resolution to adopt the Recreation Plan was presented for adoption. It was moved by Ryan Boots, supported Robert Ladiski to approve the 2023-01 resolution. Roll call: Bruce Levey Yes; Amy Bowen Yes; Ryan Boots Yes, Robert Ladiski Yes; and Dawn Levey Yes. Adopted.

Financial Reports: Amy Bowen, treasurer, presented the financial reports.

- General Fund – Combined Bal \$332,451.11
- Emergency Services \$101,642.29
- Road Fund \$17,452.00
- Tax Fund \$318,677.73

It was moved by Robert Ladiski to approve the monthly financial reports, and supported Ryan Boots. Approved.

Correspondence: None

Sheriff Report: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- Road/Bridges/Mill Road – No Report
- American Rescue Plan line-item addition – in progress
- Park and Rec committee report presented as an informational item.

New Business:

- Fire Update – 4 fire runs and 11 rescue in Duplain Township for the last month. Year-to-date: 80 fire runs and 202 Rescue Runs all are down from the last fiscal year. Two new people added to the department, individuals who have moved into the area. FEMA grant rejection letter received but will re-apply for the next grant cycle. Feb 18, 2023 annual Fireman's Dance.
- Ambulance – The 2023-2024 CAAS Budget was presented for approval. It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve the CAAS budget. Discussion followed.
- 2023-2024 Budget work begins, officials were directed to present recommendations at the February meeting.
- Township Board wage increase recommendations were presented as an informational item a 3% increase was proposed. More discussion at a later date.
- Dr. Mark Holley reported that the tax roll has been completed and is in good shape. March Board of Review – Organization 3/7/9am; public meetings are slated for March 13, 2023 - 9a-3m and March 15, 2023, 3p-9p. Discussed the implications of solar farms and the commercial tax rate and the need for an ordinance to cover the issues.

County Commissioner's Report: Val Vail-Shirey. Updated officials on the committee appointments and the organizational meeting of the Clinton County Commission. Plans are to attend meeting every other month. Flashing light and reflector tape are to be installed at the intersection of M21 and Hollister roads.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Expenditures: Dawn Levey, clerk, presented expenditures totaling \$8,499.59 with explanation. It was moved by to approve the expenditures by Robert Ladiski, and supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

Budget amendment – It was requested that \$300 be transferred from 101.101.727 (twp. supplies) to 101.101.850 (telephone) to balance the line-up through the fiscal year. It was moved by Amy Bowen to approve the budget amendment recommendation and supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

Other Matters: Ryan Boots was appointed to the Elsie Public Library Board to represent the Township. It was noted that he would consider an appointment to the Clinton County Library Board

Adjourn – It was moved by Amy Bowen and supported by Ryan Boots to adjourn. Approved. Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Levey

Duplain Township Clerk