

Duplain Township Regular Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

The September 14, 2022 regular meeting was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Visitors: Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner; Kaden Levey, and Robin Wooley.

The agenda was presented for approval. Moved by Ryan Boots, supported by Amy Bowen to approve the agenda as presented. Approved.

The minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting were presented for review and approval. Amy Bowen moved to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

Financial Reports were presented by Amy Bowen, Treasurer:

- General Fund Account balance: \$341,028.53
- Emergency Services Account balance: \$107,842.04
- Road Account balance: \$72,215.56
- Tax Account balance: \$114,807.55

Moved by Dawn Levey, supported by Ryan Boots to approve the financial reports. Approved.

Correspondence - B. Levey presented the months correspondence:

- a. The Clinton County Drain Commission drain updates - #476 – Intercounty and #632 Love Drain.
- b. Charter Communication outlining the changes in programming.

Clinton County Sheriff Department – the monthly report was received in writing and is available for review.

Public Comment on agenda items – None

Old Business:

- a. Road update – Bruce Levey, supervisor, reported that he had spoken to numerous representatives of the Clinton County Road Commission regarding the road work that had not been completed over the summer. Duplain Township was assured that gavel work will begin Monday, September 19, 2022 and if this does not happen the Duplain Township supervisor will be contacted regarding alternative or suspending work until the spring 2023.
- b. FIOA Policy – progressing.

- c. American Rescue Plan is to remain on the agenda as an action item. Washburn, County Commissioner, noted that Adam Smiddy has been hired by the County to oversee the internet project and the use of the ARP funds. He further indicated that if there are questions about the fund that Smiddy should be contacted.
- d. The Duplain Township Recreation Plan update the updated five-year plan is in progress. The survey was included in the board packet for officials to review and for approval at this meeting. Ryan Boots asked that the survey question #10 include two additional options - restore the dam, and remove the dam. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the recreation survey with the changes to question 10, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.
- e. Election supply report given. Items were purchased as requested by the election inspectors: new e-poll book, a six-foot table, updated secrecy sleeves, and the chart and mark service. It was noted that Duplain Township will be reimbursed up to \$1,500 by a state grant.

New Business:

- a. Amy Bowen, Duplain Township Fire Board representative, reported that there were two fires runs and 15 rescue runs during the month of August, noting that there was one fire run in Duplain Township. To date: 128 rescue runs and 48 fire runs. Elsie Rescue has been attending Ovid-Elsie Area Schools football games. The Lucas Machine should be arriving any day. Also, the oxygen supplier will be changing to Clinton Area Ambulance for efficiency. One fire run in Duplain Township.
- b. Ambulance Update – Dawn Levey was appointed to the budget committee. At the August meeting there was additional discussion regarding sustainable funding. The new ambulance should be arriving soon. There was an appreciation event for the staff and board members at a Lug Nut game it was a very positive event and more will be scheduled in the future.
- c. Bruce Levey, supervisor, requested board to approval for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer to attend the MTA Regional Summit in Mt. Pleasant, MI, at a cost of \$195 per person. It was noted that this is a two-day training and those attending would be driving daily. It was moved by Robert Ladiski, and supported by Ryan Boots to approve the training as requested. Approved.
- d. Election Inspectors – Dawn Levey, clerk, presented the list of election inspectors for the November 8, 2022 general election for approval: John Lalonde – chair; Brody Bowen – co-chair; Cherie Bowen, Lynette Miller, Larry Ott, Gale Parker, and Suzette Pross. Reserve based on availability and eligibility: Pam Baese and Sandra Frink. It was moved Amy Bowen and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve the slate of election inspectors. Approved.

Clinton County Commissioner's Report: Kam Washburn

- The Commission voted to allocate funds to replace the roof at the dairy barn at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.
- Motz Park on the Clinton Lake side there had been numerous dog complaints. Dogs on the beach and in the lake. To address the situation a small pond on the lake property has been designated as a dog beach.
- Clinton County Board of Commissioners very seldom pass resolutions but officials recently took action and passed one regarding the Zillow Bill. The Board strongly opposes allowing the company total access to equalization.
- Washburn thanked DuPlain Township for the letter of support for the broad band in Clinton County. He also reported that Kerri Dickenson has been appointed to represent business on the eleven-person committee evaluating the need for broad band throughout the county. State grant funds will be essential for the project to become a reality. He also reported that 14 companies submitted bids for the service and that it has been narrowed down to 8 bids.
- The County is changing the way that the medical examiner/autopsy. Currently deputies are part of the process, which involves a lot of paperwork. Sparrow Hospital will be doing all of the work involved. A death at home deputies will investigate regarding foul play but time on site will be reduced. If approved will take effect October 1, 2022.
- Craig Longnecker the county administrator will be retiring, he has been the CFO for 28 years. This will be truly a loss. A search committee has been established.
- Washburn endorses Val Shirey, and completely supports her for the position of District 1 Commissioner.
- Road Commission Building in in progress and is on schedule. The road commission should be able to move in the fall of 2023.

Public Comment – Washburn, as a citizen, would support utilizing funds from the General Fund to support Clinton Area Ambulance if the per capita surpasses the current millage.

Dawn Levey, clerk, presented expenditures totaling \$7,822.25. Explanation was given. Moved by Robert Ladiski to approved the expenditures totaling \$7,822.25, supported by Amy Bowen.

It was moved by Ryan Boots to adjourn the meeting, supported by Amy Bowen. Approved. Adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk