

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

September 15th, 2021, Meeting Minutes

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

Board members present; Bruce Levey, Sandra Frink, Amy Bowen, Robert Ladiski & Dennis Baese

Visitors: Dawn Levey, Doug Sturgis, Dr. Mark Holley, Jennings West, Kam Washburn, Richard Bates, Ailie Weaver, Hanna Hartenburg, Doug Steffen & Gail Watkins

The Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: moved by Amy Bowen, Dennis Baese supported to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Dennis Baese moved, Amy Bowen supported to approve the August 11th, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Ailie Weaver presented our Annual Audit. It was reported that we had a clean & successful audit. There was a repeat recommendation regarding accurate journal & expenditures entry. Our township is in good financial shape.

Accessor: Dr. Mark Holley introduced Jennings West as the new Ovid Township Supervisor.

Representatives from Clinton County Road Commission: Doug Steffon updated the board on the 2021 road work. Duplain township had a large amount of work completed this year. It was recommended that the township begin selecting upcoming road projects for 2022.

Clinton County Transit: Melissa Schutt, from Clinton transit celebrating their 20 years in operation. They have had a very busy year! With driving people, delivering groceries, and participating in the meals on wheels program. They never closed their doors during the pandemic. They would like to invite the public in their celebration on September 21, 2021, held at the authority location.

Treasure: Amy Bowen presented the financial reports

General Fund Financial Report with a combined balance of \$198,300.20 CD balance is \$13,369.67

Emergency Fund Report with a combined balance of \$275,011.11

Tax Account Report with a balance of \$64,906.69

A motion to approve treasure reports was made by Dennis Baese & supported by Bob Ladiski motion Carried

Correspondence: American Rescue Plan

Sherriff Report: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

Supervisor Bruce Levey Gave update for Road/Bridges/Millpond. Chip seal is complete & now the lines on the roads will be painted.

FOIA Policy: Still a work in progress

Fire Authority Question: The fire dept is seeking legal advice on becoming an authority. Using Ashly's authority as a guide. Leaving taxation in the hands of the townships. With this it opens more opportunities for grant money.

American Rescue Plan: Waiting to hear back from application

New Business:

Fire & Rescue: Dennis Baese; gave fire update stated they are working on writing up an authority agreement, not including taxation. With this, it will open more possibilities of grants in the future.

Ambulance: Dawn Levey reported that The CAA added a third ambulance & reviewing their employee handbook. Their next meeting is October 21, 2021

Clinton County Commissioner: Kam Washburn gave a current Covid update. Also, updated on the American Rescue Act Fund & stated that Guide House a consulting firm has been hired to help with federal funds for the County. Duplain Township is projected to receive \$148,000 from the ARA grant. Our grant application is in and pending

Public Comment:

Things that need to be talked about: Broadband internet

Bills: in the amount of \$23,472.33 were presented by Clerk Sandy Frink
A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Denny Baese & supported by Bob Ladiski motion carried.

Added Bills: \$500 Fire & Rescue and \$11,030 Clinton Area Ambulance Dennis Baese motioned & Amy Bowen supported to pay the fire & rescue motion carried.

Adjournment Dennis Baese moved Bob Ladiski supported to adjourn the September 15th, 2021, Council Meeting at 8:49p.m. Motion Carried

Sandra Frink
Duplain Township Clerk