

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

February 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order on February 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Duplain Township Hall by Supervisor Bruce Levey with the following board members present; Bruce Levey, Richard Bates, Amy Bowen, Dennis Baese and Robert Ladiski.

VISITORS: Dawn Levey, Stephanie Levey, Sandra Frink, Lyn Weber, 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 January 8, 2020 regular meeting. There was an error in reporting the amount in the Emergency Service checking account which should have been \$1,499.99 instead of the recorded amount of \$28.99. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected 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 \$192,259.13. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen informed the board that the CD balance is \$12,886.85. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen read the Emergency Fund Report with a combined balance of \$48,289.24 and the Checking Account balance of \$ 72,487.35. 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 \$(5.22).

A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. All motions carried unanimously.

VISITING OFFICIALS: Stephanie Levey representing the Ovid Elsie Youth Baseball Softball League came before the board asking for a financial contribution for construction of an equipment shed for ball field one as well as three sets of ball field bases. A motion was made by A Bowen and supported by D Baese to make a contribution to the Youth League not to exceed \$2,000.00 payable on the receipt of appropriate invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Levey informed the board of a meeting and election of the Clinton Conservation Organization with a theme named Bugs and Berries to be held on Tuesday March 24, 2020 located at 3055 West M 21, St John's MI. Doors open at 5:30 PM dinner at 6:00PM. The event is open to the public and is free.

Lyn Weber representing the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority informed the board of several issues taking place including the 2020/21 budget and the proposed rate increase of the per capita rate from \$3.00 to \$6.00. No final decisions at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters were received from the Tri County Office on Aging, Clinton County Department of Waste Management and Kaylee Mead.

SHERIFF REPORT: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor B Levey stated that there isn't anything new on township roads.

Supervisor B Levey reminded the board of the Duplain Township 2020/21 budget hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM and a financial resolution regarding the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority at 7:15 PM.

Supervisor B Levey reminded the board of the Duplain Township 2020/21 Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday March 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

D Baese, representative of the Elsie Fire Association, informed the board that the Fire Association Agreement is still a work in progress. Also the 2020/21 annual ready to serve fees were presented to the Duplain Township Board in the amount of \$71,740.86 which includes both the Elsie Area Fire Department and the Elsie Fire/Rescue Department.

Supervisor B Levey reminded the board of the annual Clinton County Road Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to nominate the following election inspectors to conduct the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Pam Baese Chair, Joan Fogarty, Connie Thornton, John Lalonde, Kathy Pattison and Sandra Frink. Motion Carried unanimously.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that all Duplain Township Offices are up for election this year and provided Township Candidates Partisan Nominating Petitions packets to any of the present board members seeking re-election as well as any public Duplain Township residents interested in running for any of board positions. All candidates will appear on the August Primary Election Ballot.

A motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to appoint Mrs. Patricia Munson as the new Elsie Public Library Board Member beginning January of 2020 Motion carried unanimously.

CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Kam Washburn informed the board about board assignments and discussion on the current 911 system which is nearly thirty years old. The proposal that is on the March ballot if passed would reduce the current \$2.75 per device to \$1.50 and would cost the average household approximately \$25.00 annually.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by A Bowen to amend the budget by transferring \$835.00 from 101-102 Unallocated Balance to 101-977 Computer Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$21,599.78 were presented by Clerk R Bates and a motion to pay the bills as presented was made by A Bowen and supported by D Baese. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to pay the Elsie Fire Department \$500.00 for fire run 2020-005 from the Emergency Service Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee D Baese brought up the possibility of a road millage for Duplain Township as presently the township does not have one and Commissioner K Washburn stated that townships without a road millage would have problems in the future. This issue will be taken under consideration in the coming months.

A Bowen discussed the Duplain Township's new web site and efforts in publishing township news as well as getting a link with the Village of Elsie to expand access to our web site.

There was no further business so a motion to adjourn was made by D Baese and supported by A Bowen. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM February 12, 2020.

Richard Bates
Duplain Township Clerk