

Duplain Township

May 8, 2024

The May 8, 2024 regular meeting of Duplain Township Board was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm, Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie, Michigan. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Bruce D. Levey, Dawn D Levey, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski and Amy Bowen (8:15 pm, after the EFD meeting)

Guests: Val Vail-Shirey

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented with the addition of fence bid and MTA conference report. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the agenda as amended and supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Ladiski, and supported by R. Boots to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

Financial Reports: The report prepared by A. Bowen was presented by B. Levey, it was moved by D. Levey to approve the financial reports, and supported by R. Boots. Approved.

- General Fund Financial \$304,410.53
 - Money Market \$110,895.40
 - Savings Account \$ 185.00
 - CD \$ 14,094.44
- Emergency Fund \$ 57,948.91
 - Money Market \$137,104.49
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Roads Fund \$127,848.93
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Tax Account \$ 5.00

Correspondence – Letter of Dam grant approval, 1.2 million.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No comments

OLD BUSINESS

- Updates:
 - Roads- Waiting for the 2024 work to begin. First, chloride application schedule for May 2024.
 - Dam Update – Duplain Township received the EGLE 2024 Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program grant in the amount of 1,200,000.00. Additional paperwork will

be submitted to finalize the grant documents and an administrative service sought. Pending grant will hopefully makeup the \$700,000 short fall.

- **Millage Request for Roads and EMS** – All must be well no amendments or changes suggested by Clinton County.
- **Election Update** – The Duplain Township candidates are running unopposed and will appear on the August primary ballot and the November general election. The St. Johns Pubic Schools millage failed. Hours were held as mandated, on May 7, 2024 4 voters came in and were directed to Greenbush Township. Duplain has 109 St. Johns voters, 27 AV ballots sent and 17 returned.

New Business:

- **Fire Update:** Assistant Chief Shane Grinnell was terminated as of May 1, 2024. The department is moving forward. Closed session held to outline next steps. Morale has improved, equipment is all up and running; new policies are in place to protect the fire department. Auxiliary has been suspended indefinitely. The ambulance purchased will be put up for sale.
- **Ambulance Update:** An assistant director position has been posted and three applicants received. The process continues.
- **Friendship Park quote for work.** Mint City Handyman \$2,050.00 for painting, and power washing the pavilion; repair and painting of picnic tables. It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to approve the quote. Approved.
 - Park cleanup for Friendship Park will held the week of May 13, 2024, change due to illness.
- **Elsie Dam Fence Bid** – Fence Brothers, chain link fence to secure the entrance to the Elsie Dam Park. Quote \$4,250.00. Duplain Township did not get the grant for the fence but it is needed. It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to award the quote for the fence. Approved.
- **MTA Conference Report** – B. Levey presented a brief report. The presentation of roads and the Right Farm was very informative. Noting that the Right to Farm does not include roads. The clerk workshops addressed elections, and FOIA.

County Commissioner's Report – Val Vail-Shirey – Happenings in Clinton County. It was reported that the County officials have gone to a .org venue for official emails a change Duplain Township is considering. Congratulations on the grant award for the Elsie Dam removal. Community Improvement Grants through LEAP, Jaclyn will assist with grant which is due May 15, 2024. Ag Summit attended – Right to Farm, MDARD, Zoning, etc. May 9, 6:30 pm Planning Commission public hearing on Industrial Battery Storage Systems. Next week Commission meetings, Ways & Means, a week early. Val has filed for re-election as the District 1 Commissioner.

Assessor – Ag study begins next week for Clinton County, introduction of new technology. An explanation was given to inform officials.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda: No comments.

Clerk's Report – 2023 ARF Report was filed, Duplain Township has \$108,805.62 remaining in the fund, money must be designated by December 31, 2024. Received verification that the report was received successfully.

- Final Budget Amendment for 2023-24 Fiscal Year, transfer \$500 from 101.101.965 to 101.101.801 to address the ACH/INTUIT withdrawal of \$901.00 for QuickBooks. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the proposed budget amendment, supported by A. Bowen. Approved.
- Expenditures totaled \$31,248.77 a brief discussion was given for officials. It was moved by R. Boots and supported by A. Bowen to pay the expenditures. Approved.
- Fire Department run invoice of \$1500.00 for three runs in Duplain Township. It was moved by A. Bowen and supported by R. Ladiski to pay the Fire Department invoices.

Things That Need Talked About – Upcoming grant possibilities and sources of implementation.

Adjournment: It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk