

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

June 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order on June 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM via tele conference call by Supervisor Bruce Levey with the following board members present; Bruce Levey, Richard Bates, Amy Bowen, Dennis Baese and Robert Ladiski.

VISITORS: Dawn Levey, Kam Washburn, Mark Holley 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 A Bowen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Supervisor Dawn Levey read the minutes of the May 13, 2020 regular meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read 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 \$242,990.09. 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 \$12,986.46. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen read the Emergency Fund (Money Market) Report with a combined balance of \$4,000.00 and the Checking Account balance of \$125,956.75. 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 \$0.00. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski, all motions carried unanimously.

VISITING OFFICIALS:

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Michigan Township Assn. Par Plan with a check in the amount of \$375.07 because there were no claims submitted.

SHERIFF REPORT: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: Doug Sturgis informed the board that there is still no date for the Fall Festival however there are group discussions taking place at this time on activities to possibly take place at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor B Levey stated that there isn't anything new on township roads however he stated that chloride is being applied at this time. Also it was noted that several people are fishing at the dam site.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that the 2019/20 audit is on track for the second week of July however copies of the township's financial documents have been downloaded to the auditors electronically and talks are taking place to determine when and if representatives will be on site to review the rest of the required documents that cannot be downloaded.

Discussion was held on publishing the proposed millage proposals on the townships web page and Treasurer A Bowen stated that information on the proposals can be included with the next mailing of the tax statements.

NEW BUSINESS:

D Baese representing the Elsie Fire/Rescue Department informed the board that things are normal and quiet. Supervisor B Levey reported that there wasn't anything new to report on ambulance services.

Discussion took place regarding installing a drop box on the exterior wall of the township wall near to the bulletin board to accommodate the receipt of tax payments due to the Covid Virus so a motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to purchase a drop box not to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on whether or not to contribute to the Michigan Township Association Legal Defense Fund. and it was decided by the board to consider doing so because we ask them for advice several times annually. A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to contribute \$36.66 to the MTA Legal Defense Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to nominate the following poll inspectors for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. Phyllis Moore Chair, John Lalonde, Kathleen Pattison, JoAnn Fogarty, Emelie Schoch and Lynette Miller. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to nominate Phyllis Moore and JoAnn Fogarty to the August 4, 2020 Primary Election Receiving Board. Motion carried unanimously.

CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Kam Washburn informed the board of their track for 91 days of COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center, reporting that at present there are 145 positive cases, 11 deaths. Emergency protocols were implemented for the court house, jail and Emergency Centers as outlined by the Governor's office. All employees were sent home except essential services, all on paid administrative leave. Also, instituted, daily EOC meeting until this week, now three-days per week. The departments remained COVID free. The County entered the virtual world. The courthouse opened up Monday, June 8, 2020, there is a strict procedure in place that adheres to the Governor's guidelines. Hard decisions: fair grounds closed until the end of the year; 4-H Youth Fair has been cancelled. Motz Park is open for use and is being utilized, bathroom facilities are sanitized regularly. Intense sanitizing is taking place at the courthouse and the jail.

K Washburn gave a 911 update the bond sales will take the week of June 22.

He noted that Clinton County has an excellent rating.

Challenges are continuous -- jury selection, due process for the court system for example the accused to face the accuser.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

Assessor Dr Mark Holley informed the board that due to the Covid 19 Virus there will be a scheduled meeting of the Duplain Township Board of Review to be held on July 21, 2020 from 10:30 AM through 11:30 AM at the Duplain Township Hall located at 145 West Main Street, Elsie MI 48831.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to amend the budget by transferring \$584.81 from 101-102 Unallocated Balance to 101-977 Computer Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$3,910.10 were presented by Clerk R Bates and a motion to pay the bills as presented was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to pay the Elsie Fire Department \$1,000.00 from the Emergency Service Fund for fire runs 20-012, 013. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk R Bates informed the board on the current preparations regarding the August 4, 2020 Primary Election and how fluid the situation is with nearly daily emails either from the Bureau of Elections (BOE) or the Clinton County Clerk. The envelope issue is still not resolved and also that the BOE has issued absentee ballot applications to all Michigan qualified voters except those voters on permanent absentee voter lists which Duplain Township has and has had their applications mailed to them. Election Inspector Certification training has begun and is a two year requirement to be qualified to work on any elections.

There was no further business so a motion to adjourn was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM, June 10, 2020.



Richard Bates
Duplain Township Clerk