

Duplain Township Regular Meeting Minutes

7:30 pm

August 10th, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Visitors: Dawn Levey, Rob Wooley, Adam Smiddy, Bonnie Wood, Val Shirey, Leann & Byron Prange & Steve Naert

Additions & approval to agenda: Moved by Amy Bowen, supported by Ryan Boots, motion carried

Approval of Minutes from the last meeting: Moved by Bob Ladiski supported by Amy Bowen, motion carried

Financial Reports were given by Treasurer Amy Bowen:

- Tax Acct balance \$26,632.82
- Emergency Fund balance \$211,485.76
- General Fund Balance \$397,758.97
- Roads Fund \$88,423.15

Approval of the financial reports moved by Ryan Boots, supported by Sandy Frink motion carried

Correspondence: N/A

Sherriff report: Sherriff Steve Naert reported that the department is in transition with the new sheriff Shawn Dush, still under the direction of Sheriff Mike Gute. Overall, the department is doing well & always looking for new recruits.

Adam Smiddy: Reported the update about broadband in Clinton County. In June Clinton County committed to three million dollars towards the project & will be seeking matching funds toward the project. His goal is to have broadband access for every home. The request for Proposals timeline is set for October 2022 to review the status of the project. A letter of support from Duplain Township is needed from Clinton County.

Public comment on agenda items N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Road/Bridges/Mill Pond:

Supervisor Levey reported everything going well & the gravel application should be starting soon. Ryan Boots has a trash barrel ready to take to the dam area.

FOIA Policy: Nothing to report

American Rescue Plan: Nothing new to report

Election Report: The primary election went very well with 80% of absentee applications returned and a total of 425 ballots were cast. The election committee workers did an excellent job & the day went well.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Update by Amy Bowen reported there were 2 fire runs in July. The Lucas machine was ordered totaling \$16,000 per machine.

Ambulance Update by Dawn Levey Presented the Clinton Area Ambulance Plan. On September 6th CAAS is taking staff to a Lugnuts game & will provide food and drinks.

It was also noted that the CAAS health benefits for staff did not get 2/3rd 's of the vote for funding.

Election Request for new/updating equipment: Dawn Levey asked the board to approve election equipment covered by a Grant. This will include a new E Poll book, secrecy sleeves & a 6 ft table.

The total will be \$1039, this does not include tax.

It was moved by Amy Bowen, supported by Ryan Boots to purchase election equipment covered by the grant money, motion carried

Letter of Support for Broadband send to county: Adam Smiddy talked about a support letter needed by the township. We told him our letter of support will be sent out soon.

County Commissioner's report: N/A

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: N/A

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Val Shirey, Republican Candidate for Clinton County Commission District 1, was present to outline her qualifications and requested support from officials.

Bonnie Wood, candidate for Ovid-Elsie School Board. She stated that she was a long-time resident of the community, coached Tennis for OE, and taught school in New Lothrop. Her focus is Clarity & Transparency.

Bills: Clerk Sandra Frink presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$96,582.90

A motion to pay the bills was made by Amy Bowen supported by Ryan Boots, motion carried

Adjournment: It was moved by Ryan Boots supported by Amy Bowen to adjourn the August 10th, 2022, Council Meeting at 8:05 pm Motion Carried

Duplain Township Clerk

Sandra Frink

