Duplain Township Regular Meeting

May 10, 2023

The May 10, 2023 regular meeting of the Duplain Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bruce Levey at 7:30 pm at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Bruce Levey - supervisor, Amy Bowen – treasurer, Ryan Boots - trustee, Robert Ladiski trustee and Dawn D Levey – clerk.

Visitors: Gail Wadel, Joe Ondrusek, Vicky Ondrusek, Roger Dennings, and Janet Dennings, Val Vail-Shirey, David Smith, Jody Smith.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the agenda with the change of the date from May 9 to the 10, and supported by Amy Bowen. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 12, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski to approve the minutes as printed and supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were presented by Amy Bowen for review and approval.

•	General Fund		\$294,313.72
		•	\$109,338.36
		•	\$13,627.01
•	Emergency Services		\$118,400.89
			\$86,175.56
•	Road Fund		\$104,628.56
•	Tax Fund		\$0.00

It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve the financial reports as presented.

Correspondence: Letter from Janet Dennings. Noting that all officials received the letter.

Sheriff Report: No report.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

 Janet Dennings – a letter was sent regarding planning and zoning in Duplain Township and requested that the township host a meeting with a representative of McKenna and Associates, 616-204-1936, ckhorey@mcka.com, with a focus to protect property rights. David Smith – Essex Township – discussed planning and zoning regarding zoning issues.
 Focused on renewable energy specifically solar and wind, supports the moratorium on solar until the ordinance can be updated.

Unfinished Business:

- Road/Bridges/Mill Pond Road grading and spot gravel installation has begun. Ryan
 Boots requested that Bruce have the country road commission look at the shoulders of
 Colony and Kinley Roads. Signs on French and Harmon regarding weight restrictions and
 limits need to be addressed as discussed with the Clinton County Road Commission.
- Parks and Recreation Committee Report: The playground equipment has arrived and the
 township will be working with the Elsie Area Fire Department to set a work day to install
 and to work on the pavilion. It was recommended that the doors be removed from the
 old pavilion so that it can be utilized. The rent a bathroom has been installed. Consider
 a fund for park donations, the committee recently received a second donation. A
 meeting will be scheduled soon. Thank the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School students
 for cleanup at Friendship Park.
- Zoning and Planning Meeting Report: The meeting was held and it was moved to
 proceed with a one-year moratorium on commercial solar energy system so the
 ordinance can be updated. It was recommended that a citizen advisory committee be
 established to include a representative from each of the general law townships and 4
 citizens. A public hearing will be held Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm at the Clinton County
 Court House. Action is needed to appoint a Duplain Township representative.
- SLFRF Compliance Report Thank-you to Amy Bowen for filing the report. Duplain Township is in compliance. Clarify the actions, revenue replacement the funding was used for a new ambulance for Clinton Area Ambulance and Lucas device for Elsie Area Fire Department in a total amount of \$40,000. The funds were transferred from savings to pay the expenditures.
- Recap of the MTA Conference Notes provided to board members.

New Business:

- Fire/Ambulance Update: Elsie Area Fire Department meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, 17, 2023. CAAS – celebrated their 50th anniversary Saturday, May 6, 2023. In addition, run volume has increased and staffing has increased and updates continue to be in progress.
- Action on the Denning's Letter Supervisor Levey recommended that Christopher Khorey, attend the July 12, regular township meeting. The clerk will contact the individual. It was moved by Robert Ladiksi and supported by Ryan Boots to have the representative of Mckenna and Associates attend and speak at the July 12 regular meeting. Approved. An announcement of the guest speaker will be posted on the website and the township newsletter that is included in the summer tax notice.

- Charter Communication Agreement It was moved by Ryan Boots to sign the franchise agreement with Charter Cable and supported by Amy Bowen. Approved.
- Clerk's Request to attend the MAMC conference Moved by Amy Bowen and supported by Ryan Boots to approve the request. Approved.

County Commissioner's Report – Val Vail-Shirley, provided an invitation to the Clinton County M-21 AgTech Corridor Steering Committee, May 17, 2023, 1 pm. In addition, she requested Duplain Township support for the renewable energy moratorium and the citizens advisory committee. It may appear large but representatives from the various parts of the community need a voice. Zoning Administrator will retire June 2, 2023, county officials are searching for a new administrator. Experience is imperative.

Eagle Township – Shirey reported that nothing has come to the county commission regarding the mega project. The land has not been sold, there has not been a request for rezoning. The process has been halted.

It is Federal mandates regarding renewable so it cannot be banned but it can be regulated, that is the purpose of the moratorium.

Two new members to planning and zoning: Maggie Sales out of Victor Township, and Peter Saratocus, Watertown Township. Next meet 5/11/23, 6:30 pm, Clinton County Court House. LEAP to update the contract and to eliminate the Eagle Township issue

M-21 and Hollister Road will be a four-way stop, installation by August 2023. MDOT recently signed off.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

Clerk's Report and Expenditures: MTA Conference

- Planning Commission Meeting 4/13/23
 Moving towards a moratorium on solar
 Val requesting an advisory board consisting of a ref from the 11 general law townships and 4 from the community
 Decision will be made 5/11/23
- Planning and Zoning Village of Elsie Elsie Junior High
- Clerk's meeting 5/9/23 Election Update

General fund expenditures totaling \$27,508.65 were presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Ryan Boots to pay the expenditures.

The Elsie Area Fire Department annual ready to serve bill was presented for approval \$89,471.55. It was moved by Amy Bowen and supported by Ryan Boots to pay the bill. Approved.

Things that Need to be Discussed -

Adjournment - It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to adjourn
Approved. Adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Levey, Duplain Township Clerk