



- 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 rep 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