

## **Duplain Township Regular Meeting**

August 9, 2023

The August 9, 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; Dawn D Levey, Clerk and trustees: Ryan Boots and Robert Ladiski.

**Visitors:** Joe Ondrusek and Gail Wadell

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of an audit update. It was moved by Amy Bowen and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve the amended agenda. Approved.

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

**Assessor:** Dr. Mark Holley. No Report.

**Financial Reports:** Financial reports were presented by Amy Bowen, Township Treasurer.

- General Fund \$306,585.41
  - \$109,658.39
  - \$13,721.93
- Emergency Services \$32,035.01
  - \$86,356.84
  - \$5.00
- Road Fund \$99,480.74
  - \$5.00
- Tax Account: \$88,792.97

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

**Correspondence:** Local Community Stabilization Authority overpayment of \$21.31 which will be addressed in 2024.

**Sheriff Report:** No Report

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Road/Bridges/Mill Pond – There was more graffiti on the bridge. Thank-you Travis Millner and Mike Reinhart for painting the graffiti at the bridge. Seasonal road work continues.
2. Park and Recreation Committee Report: No report.
3. Planning Commission: Renewable Energy Citizens Advisory Committee Report:
  - a. The informational presentations are wrapping up and now the work of the committee to update/rewrite the current ordinance has begun. It was noted that in the end no one is going to get everything they want, and compromise will be needed to complete the task. It is important that everyone be allowed to have input into the process.
  - b. A solar field trip has been scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 am.
4. Historical Society: Organizational update. The Elsie Historical Society has a new board: President: Katie Dennis; Vice President: Lyla Brush; Secretary: Debra Wright; Treasurer: Sarah Shindorf-Maynard. The bank accounts and signatures have been updated. The Society will keep the Duplain Township Board on further progress. The Board was thanked for assisting with the re-organization process.
5. Audit Update: Amy Bowen and Dawn Levey. The audit is going well and should be completed by September.

#### **New Business:**

1. Fire and Ambulance Update:
  - a. CAASA – Next meeting Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 6 pm
  - b. Elsie Area Fire Department – 2 fire runs in July, 5 in August; a member had to be let go due to behavior. 3 MFR training and testing hopefully three additional staff for rescue.
2. Elections Update – Three options – Costs attached.
  - a. County Run -
  - b. Regional Sites
  - c. Single Jurisdiction

Deadlines: Decision on the plan August 17, 2023. Countywide proposal must be signed September 12, 2023.

Upcoming County Clerk's meeting: Thursday, August 17, 9 am, Bingham Township Hall – requesting township's decision of the option for early voting. Tuesday, September 12, 1 pm, DeWitt Township Hall, come prepared to sign the county wide agreement. Drop off voting equipment at the Courthouse Friday, September 8 and pick-up September 12, after the meeting at DeWitt Township.

It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Ryan Boots to participate with Clinton County option for nine-days of early voting for the 2023-2024 Election Season. Reflecting a \$9,600 savings. Approved.

**County Commissioner's Report** – No report

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- Gail Wadell – Invitation to Law Enforcement appreciation Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 pm, Bengal Township Hall, 6586 W M21.

**Clerk's Report & Expenditures:** A presentation and explanation of the expenditures was presented for approval. Expenditures totaled \$61,975.10. Which included \$28,636.00 plus \$2,500.00 from the Emergency Services Account and \$6,526.16 from the Road Account. It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the payment of the expenditures totaling \$61,975.10, supported by Amy Bowen. Approved.

**Things That Need to be Talked About:**

**Adjournment:** Moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Amy Bowen to adjourn. Approved. Adjourned at 8:24 pm.