

## Duplain Township

November 13, 2024

The November 13, 2024 regular meeting of Duplain Township was called to order by Bruce D Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm, Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie Michigan. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present:** Bruce D Levey, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn D Levey

**Guests Present:** Kari Dickenson

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of Poverty Exemption Resolution and UpAHead Proposal under new business. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the agenda as amended, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes as presented, supported by R. Boots. Approved.

**Special Reports:** No reports

**Financial Reports:** Amy Bowen, township treasurer, presented the monthly financial reports for review and approval:

- Revised Tax Account
  - Clinton County Treasurer      Distribution      \$552,890.42
- General Fund      \$302,162.10
  - Money Market Account      \$61,532.04
  - Savings Account      \$185.00
  - CD      \$14,375.13
- Emergency Services      \$1,993.54
  - Money      \$69,813.39
  - Savings Account      \$5.00
- Tax Account      \$3,941.24
  - Savings Account      \$5.00
- Roads      \$59,229.52
  - Savings Account      \$5.00
- Dam Fund      \$140.00
  - Money Market      \$50,140.35
  - Savings      \$5.00

It was moved by R. Boots to approve the financial reports and account balances pending audit, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items: None**

**Old Business:**

1. Road/Bridges/Dam Update:
  - a. Open House at the Elsie Dam – was well attended and good questions asked.
  - b. Dam Project Kick-Off Meeting – Minutes available upon request.
  - c. Meeting with Charles Smith/Spicer Group to sort out commitments for each grant has been slated for 11/13/24
  - d. Bridge estimate - 3.2 million may need to go the foundation route
2. **Election Update:**
  - a. Election Report -
    - Reimbursements received
    - Ballot Box - \$632.18
    - Presidential Primary - \$1,284.64
  - b. Total Voters: 1176 + EV 198 = 1,374 votes cast/total registered 1934
  - c. Av Ballots 448 sent/429 returned or 95.76%
  - d. Election Results:
    - Bruce Levey - Supervisor – 993
    - Dawn Levey - Clerk 739
    - Amy Bowen - Treasurer 998
    - Trustee:
      - Robert Ladiski - 931
      - Ryan Boots - 474
3. Lock Change Update – The lock smith has evaluated the 17 locks at an approximate cost of \$2,500 and will be installed soon.

**New Business:**

1. Fire Update – Still a lot going on. State audit on hold due to the pending forensic audit of the Village of Elsie financials because of co-mingling of accounts. The department has its own internet and phone system. Robb Maynard attended his last meeting, a charter member after twenty-five years of service.
2. Ambulance Update – Minutes available upon request
  - a. Homework – review the bylaws and articles of incorporation highlight changes officials would like to see.
1. Appeal Regarding PA233 – codify participation – It was moved by R. Ladiski to participate in the appeal with a monetary amount to be determined at a later date. Supported by A. Bowen. Roll call: Yeas Levey, Levey, Bowen, Ladiski. Abstention R. Boots. Carried
2. Poverty Exemption Resolution – A copy is available upon request. Dr. Mark Holley presented an explanation for the annual action, increase of \$500. Property tax increase

3% much better than anticipated. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the Poverty Exemption Resolution for 2025. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

3. UpAHead Proposal – Alert System - \$1,000 setup and \$250.00 per month. After reviewing the proposal no action was taken.

#### **County Commissioner’s – No Report**

#### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None**

**Clerk’s Report and Expenditures** – It was moved by R. Boots to approve the payment of Spicer Groups expenditures totaling \$35,580.77, supported by A. Bowen. Approved.

Expenditures were presented for approval totaling \$29,733.41. It was moved by R. Boots, and supported R. Ladiski to approve payment of the monthly expenditures. Approved.

#### **Things That Need to Be Talked About –**

**Adjournment:** It was moved by R. Boots, supported by A. Bowen to adjourn. Approved. 8:26 pm.

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