

## **Duplain Township Regular Meeting**

**March 13, 2024**

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

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

**Visitors:** Kari Dickenson

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 14, 2024 regular meeting and the March 5, 2024 special meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the minutes, supported by Amy Bowen. Approved.

**Financial Reports:** The monthly financial reports and account balances were presented by Amy Bowen, treasurer, as of February 29, 2024.

- General Fund \$291,406.52
  - Money Market \$110,592.97
  - Savings Account \$ 185.00
  - CD \$ 14,002.61
- Emergency Services \$ 57,545.25
  - Money Market \$136,730.57
  - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Roads Fund \$127,488.38
  - Savings Account 5.00
- Tax Account \$ 34,881.25
  - Saving Account \$ 5.00

It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the monthly financial reports, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

**Correspondence:** Monthly Spectrum letter.

**Sheriff Report** – No report.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None.

**Old Business:**

- Road/Bridges/Dam Update:

- Grants: Spicer Group assisted with two additional grants Congressional Grants: Congresswoman Slotkin for \$3,000,000 which includes the bridge and dam. Senator Debbie Stabenow, \$3,000,000 which includes the Elsie Dam and the bridge.
- With the approval of the Board the clerk will submit a Participating Plan Grant for Risk Management in the amount of \$4,250.00 for chain link fencing at the dam area. The resolution in support was presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Amy Bowen to approve the resolution and to submit the grant request. Approved. Roll Call – all yeas.
- Road Recommendations for 2024-25 season: Five miles of road at \$21,000 per mile.
  - Spot Gravel - \$17,500; Over band \$8,500; Chloride \$23,000.
  - County match of \$34,861.87 + \$40,000 from General Fund and Road Millage in the amount of \$81,000.  
It was moved by Amy Bowen to approve supervisor Levey’s recommendations and supported by Ryan Boots. Approved
- Election Update: Great staff and the voters were courteous. Good day for all.
  - 466 Ballots cast
  - OE Renewal: yes – 220, no- 208
  - 303 AV ballots issued with 225 returned.
  - 6 ballots received after the election
  - Early Voting – on 2/19/24 the day Duplain covered early voting 16 voters participated. A total of ten Duplain Township voters participated in early voting.
- Road Commission Meeting Comments 3/13/24: Plans discussed with the Road Commission Duplain was complimented on their commitment to roads and the condition of the roads.

**New Business:**

- Fire Update – Amy Bowen
  - Relooking at insurance and updating the proposal will be forwarded to the Village of Elsie for consideration.
  - The investigation is ongoing, hope to have the situation resolved by the end of the month.
  - Special meeting Monday, March 18, 2024 to finish the meeting due to a fire call.
  - A budget committee will meet soon to finalize the budget and to prepare the ready to serve fees.
- Ambulance Update:
  - In progress – making the 3<sup>rd</sup> rig a 24 hr. and/or staggering the shift times.
  - Grants funds are in progress. Reclaiming funds from the State of Michigan “unclaimed property, about \$3,300. Board letter needed to pursue.
  - Target date for Paramedicine Program is 8/31/24

- Runs to date: 2022: 474                      2023: 513                      2024: 518
- Rescue:                      2022: 13                      2023: 19                      2024: 18

Billings in January were lower, at total of \$706,268, collected \$237,787. The Profit and Loss Budget performance for this month provides month actual vs budget as well as year-to-date figures with a final column that allows for comparison to the annual budget. The income for fiscal 2023-24 is \$2,573,806 over budget; combined with various expenses in total running \$2,136,866 over budget results in a bottom-line net income that is \$436,940 over budget year-to-date.

- Budget Review – Officials reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 budget. Formal approval will take place at the Duplain Township annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting: Saturday, March 30, 2024, 10 am

**County Commissioner’s Report:** None

**Public Comment Non-Agenda Item -**

**Clerk’s Report:**

Budget amendment request -Transfer \$3,320.00 from (Computer Maintenance 101-101-931 = 0); and Professional & Contractual \$200.00 from (101-101-801 = 275.00) to 101-101-715 - Social Security & Medicare to balance the account.

It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Amy Bowen to approve the budget amendments as requested.

It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Ryan Boots to pay expenditures totaling \$8,284.44. Approved.

**Things That Need to be Talked About:** Discussed the burnt-out apartments on Hollister Road, in progress.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Amy Bowen and supported by Robert Ladiski to adjourn, 8:32 pm. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk