

## **Duplain Township Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 12, 2022**

The October 12, 2022 regular Duplain Township meeting was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm. Levey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

**Visitors:** Andrew Wissawassa, Shane Grinnell Village of Elsie, Chief Bryce, Kam Washburn County Commissioner, Robin Wooley

**The agenda** was presented for approval. Moved by Amy Bowen to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved

**The minutes** of the September 14, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Moved by Ryan Boots, supported by Amy Bowen to approve the September minutes as printed.

**Financial Reports** were presented for review and approval by Amy Bowen, treasurer.

- General Fund Account Balance: \$361,160.65
- Emergency Services Account Balance: \$196,881.40
- Road Account Balance: \$72,215.56
- Tax Account Balance: \$8,677.98

Moved by Robert Ladiski and Ryan Boots at accept the financial reports as presented. Approved.

**Correspondence –**

- Charter Communications with updates

**Political Candidates –** Andrew Wissawassa candidate for District 1.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items -** None

**Old Business:**

- Roads – Gravel work has been completed and crack sealing applications are still in progress. Also. Road sides were recently mowed.
- FIOA – still in progress.
- American Rescue Plan – in process, additional reports were submitted to the US Department of Treasury.
- Spicer Group update – Parks & Rec Plan

- The Survey Results – were reviewed and discussed. A copy has been attached to the minutes.
- Parks goals and priorities were identified:
  - Hope Green Memorial Park – Elsie Dam and historical bridge.
    - Historical Bridge Restoration including exploring funding sources, historical signage, and access.
    - Land acquisition adjacent to the park property.
    - Repair and restore the dam.
  - **Friendship Park and General**
    - Improve picnic areas, pavilions, and playground equipment at the park.
    - Improve accessibility for all ages and abilities at the parks.
    - Install signage at the park entrances.

It was moved to approve the priorities by Ryan Boots, supported Amy Bowen.  
Approved.

- **Election Report** – Dawn D Levey, Township Clerk –
  - Prior to the regular meeting an Election Commission meeting was held to approve the election inspectors, public testing date and pre-election clerk hours.
  - To date 293 Absentee Ballots.
  - Duplain Township Public testing of election equipment is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 10 am. In addition, pre-election office hours are scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 8 am-Noon and Sunday, November 6, 2022 Noon to 5 pm. The Location is Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie, MI.

**New Business:**

- **Fire/Ambulance – Shane Grinnell** – reported that the Lukas Device has arrived and members have been trained. The department is funding raising for the second device. Asst. Chief Grinnell thanked the township for the \$20,000 towards the purchase, noting that the cost of each device is \$19,000 to purchase. Recently two individuals challenged the fire exam and passed, badge pinning at 6pm at the station, Sunday, October 16, 2022. Fire runs to date are 55 with two billable runs during the month of September in Duplain Township, Rescue run to date 214, 15 in Duplain Township during the month.
- **General Operations Proposal** – To address expenditures that are received after the regular monthly meeting the following policy approval was requested by the township clerk: Expenditures/bills received after the regular meeting will be paid

when received to avoid late fees, and will be formally reviewed and presented for approval at the next regular meeting. It was moved by Amy Bowen, supported by Ryan to approved the policy as presented.

- **Clerk Training – December 16, 2022** – A request was presented for training for the clerk December 16, 2022 at a cost of \$298.00. The training is sponsored by MTA and will take place at LCC's west campus. It was moved by Ryan Boots, supported by Amy Bowen to approve the training with basic started kit. Approved.

**County Commissioner – Kam Washburn**

It was reported that Clinton County had been involved in an Economic Development project, micro chip manufacturer, 10,000 jobs, in the southern end of Clinton County. Prior to this evening it could not be discussed due to a non-disclosure agreement. Clinton County was one of two locations being considered. The project was awarded to another state. The positive is that the site is on the market and the studies are complete. Washburn noted that LEAP represented the area very well.

Broad Band effort update was given, seven companies submitted bids and they are in the process of being reviewed. 30-35 million total costs reflecting an approximate increase of 5 million dollars. ARP dollars have been allocated with 3 million designated at this point. Additional grants will be requested for the project.

Third, voted to partner with Ingham County for the Veterans Affairs office, manned two days per week. Call administrative office for assistance and office hours.

There was a MAC meeting held, Representative Julie Calley reported on bipartisan support regrading stream lining the open meetings act to make it more user friendly and understandable. However, regarding remote meetings and the open meetings act that is where bipartisan support breaks down. There will be more information in the near future.

**Public Comment, Non-Agenda Items –**

Robin Wooley, crack coat will there be remnants in his yard on Hollister Road. The Clinton County Road Commission will be contacted regarding the concern.

**Expenditures** – The bill were presented for approval. A summary was presented for review and discussion. The **total \$ 4,907.30**. It was moved by Robert Ladiski, supported by Ryan Boots to approved the bills as presented. Approved.

Adjournment – It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Amy Bowen to adjourn. Approved the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk

