

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

August 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order on August 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM via tele conference call by Supervisor Bruce Levey with the following board members present; Bruce Levey, Richard Bates, Amy Bowen, Dennis Baese and Robert Ladiski.

VISITORS: Dawn Levey and Doug Sturgis.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to approve the amended agenda by adding cemetery to old business. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk R Bates read the minutes of the July 8, 2020 regular meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer A Bowen read the General Fund Financial Report with a combined balance of \$198,548.89. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen informed the board that the CD balance is \$13,036.97. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen read the Emergency Fund (Money Market) Report with a combined balance of \$2,822.00 and the Checking Account balance of \$111,007.04. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported R Ladiski.

Treasurer A Bowen read the Tax Account Report with a balance of \$56,494.89. A motion to approve was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. All motions above carried unanimously.

VISITING OFFICIALS: N/A

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters were received from Charter Spectrum and Michigan Township Assn.

SHERIFF REPORT: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTN/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor B Levey stated that there isn't anything new on township roads however he stated that people have been climbing over the wall on the bridge and unlocking the door. A possible solution is to install a trail camera to see if the people involved can be identified and charged with trespassing.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that the 2019/20 audit is on track and the exit interview will take place at the regular September meeting.

Clerk R Bates informed the board that the August 4, 2020 Primary Election went smoothly with no major incidents. There were 518 ballots cast with 375 of them being Absentee Ballots but only 292 being returned equaling a 77.87% participation rate and 226 walk in voters totaling 518 voters. There are 1,767 qualified voters in Duplain Township so the percentage of voters that voted equaled 29.3 %. The Emergency Service Proposal passed with 404 yes votes and 95 voting no and the Road Improvement Proposal passed with 323 yes votes and 177 no votes.

A motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to have Clerk R Bates contact Jeremy McAllister to repair the monuments in the Duplain Township Cemetery that were damaged by a recent storm. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

D Baese representing the Elsie Fire/Rescue Department informed the board that there was one fire run in July, 37 runs year to date and 19 rescue runs with 136 year to date runs. There wasn't any ambulance service meeting in July citing Covid19 concerns.

A motion was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese to temporarily change the polling location for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election from the Duplain Township Hall at 145 West Main Street to the American Legion Hall located at 220 South Ovid Street, Elsie Mi 48831 so that voting can be done in a safe and efficient manner following all state and federal guidelines due to COVID19. Every qualified voter in Duplain Township will have to be notified by mail informing them of the change. Also to authorize Clerk R Bates to purchase additional election supplies to facilitate the move. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor B Levey stated that he has received a complaint of people using a section of French Road between Colony and Shepardsville Road as a race track. Clinton County Sheriff has been informed and signs will be installed in the area as well as road patrols. Also a complaint was received citing a lack of shoulders on West Island Road. The Clinton County Road Commission has been informed and they stated that after the corn has been harvested they will work on rectifying the situation.


Clinton County Commissioner: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dawn Levey stated that she may have a contact that can help in acquiring the necessary amount of post cards needed to notify the voters. Clerk R Bates thanked her for that and reminded the board that the post cards will have to be sent to a printer to print the message and while talking with the Clinton County Clerk's Office they indicated that they may be able to print the total address list.

Due to receipt of several invoices received a day after the July 8th meeting totaling \$8,102.97, a motion was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski to amend the July 8th bills to reflect a corrected amount of \$21,937.92. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$38,333.51 were presented by Clerk R Bates and a motion to pay the bills as presented was made by D Baese and supported by R Ladiski. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business so a motion to adjourn was made by R Ladiski and supported by D Baese. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM, August 12, 2020.


Richard Bates
Duplain Township Clerk