

Duplain Township Regular Meeting

January 10, 2024

The January 10, 2023 regular meeting of Duplain Township was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie, MI. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Bruce D Levey, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, and Dawn D Levey. Amy Bowen entered meeting at 8:20 pm

Visitors: Kari Dickenson, Val Vail-Shirley – County Commissioner

Agenda: It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the agenda as presented supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 13, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski to approve the minutes, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

Financial Reports: The monthly financial reports and accounts balances were presented for approval:

• General Fund	\$219,727.08
▪ Money Market	\$110,278.19
▪ Savings Account	\$ 185.00
▪ CD	\$ 13,912.89
• Emergency Services	\$ 9,709.12
▪ Money Market	\$ 83,833.21
▪ Savings Account	\$ 5.00
• Road Fund	\$ 42,564.95
▪ Savings Account	\$ 5.00
• Tax Account	\$215,035.80

It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the report as presented, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

Correspondence: Rezoning Request, addressed under new business.

Public Comment Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- a. Road/Bridges/Dam – Grant Updates

Currently three grants on Phase II – BILs through USFWS, MDNR Fish Passage Grant, and the EGLE Dam Risk Grant. Overall, very optimistic. Question - how much of the ARP grant would officials like to commit to the 10% grant for the MDNR grant, currently have

\$11,387 in-kind commitments. It was moved by D. Levey to allocate up \$30,000 from the ARP for the township match. Supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

- b. Election Update – 1,893 letters sent to the voters, this is an opportunity to clean-up the voter list, 80 returned undeliverable. All deadlines have been met to date. Duplain Township has four election inspectors who will participate in early voting Monday, February 19, 8 a-4p at the Bingham Township Hall, St. Johns, MI. There will be four elections in 2024 – February 27, 2024; May 7, 2024 (105) voters St. Johns Public Schools; August 7, 2024 Congressional Primary; and November 5, 2024 General Election.

Office hours prior to the February 27, 2024 election - Saturday, February 24, 9am-1 pm and February 25, 1pm-5pm.

The Duplain Township Election Commission will meet Monday, January 22, 5:15 pm. Members are supervisor, treasurer, and clerk.

New Business:

- a. Emergency Services:

- a. Elsie Area Fire Association – Personnel issue under investigation.

- b. Clinton Area Ambulance Service: Highlights – 1.7 million in assets an increase from last month, up from 1.3 million in 2022. Expenses were static for the month. Income is up as are the expenses. Up \$ 408,000 from last year. Net income that is \$383,215 over budget year-to-date. Over-all the service is financially sound. It is possible that the \$15 per capita will be in effect for two-years.

CAAS has the ability to upgrade the Rescue from BLS to ALS (Echo) with appropriate staffing and equipment. CAAS has started the process, quotes are partially in for the needed cabinetry, equipment can be used off the Subaru. Requesting \$6,00 allowance. Needed purchases: rear seat, cabinetry with heating pads, rear box reconfigured with slide trays and sliding top.

Still seeking paramedics.

Runs to date: 2021: 3,514 2022: 3,636 2023: 3,833

Rescue to date: 2021: 126 2022: 114 2023: 149

- Resolution to purchase a new ambulance all members must approve the item. It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the resolution for the ambulance purchase, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.
 - 2024 Budget – It was moved by Dawn D Levey to approve the CAAS 2024 Budget as presented, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

- b. PC – 50-23 application for Zoning Amendment (rezoning) for owner Doris Davis – It was moved to support the rezoning request by Ryan Boots, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.
- c. Board Salary Resolution – It was recommended to increase the salary of the clerk and treasurer 12% to \$23,650.00 to be approved at the annual meeting. Brief discussion followed with a consensus of approval.
- d. Mark Holley, assessor, reported that the Board of Review is scheduled for Monday March 11, 9 am-3pm, and March 14, 3pm-9pm. All documentation to ready to go.

County Commissioner's Report: Val Vail-Shirey. Organizational meeting was held January 2, 2024; all committee appointments remain the same. Committee changes – Zoning Board of Appeals, Mark Holly and Robert Ladiski. Ryan Boots is on the Library Board; Planning Commission Dawn Levey and one resignation Patty Schafer. Planning Commission meeting January 11, 2024, 6:30 pm.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Kari Dickens asked about the FEMA status and an update was provided. The agreement has been filed with the Clinton County Planning, Zoning and Economic Development.

Clerks Report:

Budget Amendment request to make the Professional and Contractual line-item solvent. Transfer \$1,961.87 from 101-445-930 (At Large Drains leaving a balance 0) and \$269.52 from 101-101-727 (Supplies leaving a balance of \$417.83) to 101-101-801 Professional and Contractual. Moved by Ryan Boots and supported Robert Ladiski to approve the request. Approved.

Expenditures totaling \$7,230.78 were presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski and Supported by Ryan Boots to pay the bills. Approved.

Things that need to be talked about –

Bridge discussion and the possible cost to restore it. The clerk was directed to contact the Road Commission regarding rough cost estimates.

It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Amy Bowen to adjourn. Approved. Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D Levey
Duplain Township Clerk