

## Duplain Township Special Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

The February 15, 2023 special meeting of the Duplain Township Board was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm, Duplain Township Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Visitors:** Dr. Mark Holley, assessor.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of Mark Holley. It was moved by Amy Bowen to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved.

**The Minutes** of the January 11, 2023 regular meeting, January 16, 2023 special meeting, and the February 8, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Amy Bowen to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

**Financial Reports:** Amy Bowen, treasurer, presented the financial reports.

- General Fund – Combined Balance \$253,372.88
  - Money Market \$109,104.55
- Emergency Services – Combined Balance \$132,500.41
- Road Fund – \$45,190.26
- Tax Fund – \$393,245.40

It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Dawn Levey to approve the financial report as presented. Approved.

**Correspondence:** Road Commission meeting March 8, 2023 8 am and the Clinton County Spring Collection Event calendar.

**Sheriff Report: None**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items: None**

**Old Business:**

- Road/Bridges/Mill Pond – Weight restrictions effective Monday, February 20, 2023. Door at the bridge continues to be unlocked and a major concern. The board is open to suggestions regarding how to secure the doors on the bridge.

- Parks and Recreation – The 5-year master plan has been filed and Kyle Thornton will be added to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- Township Board proposed wage increase of 3% cross the board - Trustees \$232.00 per meeting/ Supervisor \$20,600.00 /Clerk and treasurer \$21,115.00, was presented for discussion.

**New Business:**

- Fire Update – The department is preparing the 2023-2024 budget and there will be a 5% increase in the ready to serve fee. Engine 1 has been replaced with a used truck at a cost of \$215,000. An upgrade from the 1992 and EAFD is hopeful they will sell the 1992 engine. A new member has been added to the department. The auxiliary group is considering a replacement for the trailer with something smaller, like a small bus. There is a need for a vehicle that is easier to navigate. There were four fire runs during the month and 18 rescue runs in Duplain Township.
- The township telephone – a budget consideration is to eliminate the landline due to continued cost increases and limited usage. It was moved by Amy Bowen and supported by Robert Ladiski to eliminate the land line, effective immediately. Approved.
- Annual Township Meeting with the Road Commission is slated for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 8 am.
- Annual Township Meeting is March 25, 2023 at 10 am.

**Assessor Report:** Dr. Holley reported that on Tuesday, February 21, 2024 Duplain Township will be going to tax tribunal. The recommendation will be to allow the property owner to win this one contingent on access to the property to measure and update the property assessment, and to update the property description.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – There was a thank you from the Levey Family.

**Bills** – The expenditures for the month totaling \$32,461.60 were presented for approval. Moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Amy Bowen to approve expenditures. Approved.

**Adjourn:** It was moved by Amy Bowen and supported Robert Ladiski to adjourn. Approved, adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk