

Duplain Township Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2022

The November 9, 2022 regular meeting of Duplain Township 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: Mark Holley, assessor, and Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner.

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

The minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting were presented to officials for approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski and supported by Ryan Boots to approve the minutes as written. Approved.

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

- General Fund Account Balance: \$359,330.23
- Emergency Services Account Balance: \$105,920.92
- Road Account Balance: \$72,215.56
- Tax Account Balance \$1,428.27

A motion was made to approve the financial reports by Robert Ladiski, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

Correspondence:

- Charter Communication – program updates.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Mark Holley, assessor – noted that a warrant for reports from the township treasurer, based on equalization, has been completed and cleared.

Unfinished Business:

a. Roads/Bridges/Mill Pond – Supervisor Levey noted that maintenance is still underway. Once again EB Ridge, running in Elba Township and the roads are being damaged, Elba has the opinion that Duplain should assist with the costs because of the approved millage. Reminder was noted that it is a public road.

b. **FOIA Policy** – the updated FOIA policy was presented for board approval. Amy Bowen moved the approval of the FIOA Policy, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved

c. American Rescue Plan – No action

d. Spicer Group Parks and Recreation Plan – The proposed timeline was presented for approval. Officials reviewed the proposed timeline. Discussion followed. It was moved by Dawn Levey to adopt the timeline, supported by Amy Bowen. Approved.

- the draft of Parks and Recreation Plan was presented for discussion and review. The following suggestions were made – correct the typos, change some of the pictures to eliminate confusion of the park sites. Updated the history of Friendship Park, in 1836 it was designed as a public square.

e. Election Report – See attached.

New Business:

- a. Fire update** – Amy Bowen, - Ongoing training is taking place in the department there were 67 Fire Runs/175 Rescue Events to date. The Halloween Event was a success, and a new alternator was installed in rig 2. EAFD is still hopeful because the grant for new equipment is still in play.
- b. Ambulance update** – Dawn Levey
- c. Lockwood Property** – B. Levey talked to Mrs. Lockwood regarding the property adjoining the park at the Elsie Bridge. Her children will discuss the possibility of selling the property.
- d. Audit Update** – It was noted that it has not been an easy transition from Quick Books

County Commissioners Report – Kam Washburn

Election results, Clinton County was good about getting the results out to the public. The online presence made things happen quickly. This has been an online challenge. Excellent poll workers and work by the clerks.

An application has been received for a solar farm in Greenbush Township. The company is being very open-minded and listening to the residents and considering possible amendments to the project.

The Economic Development work group has been working with LEAP, and looking at the ag related companies along M21, today the program started working on the project again, since the delay related to COVID. This is very promising, and the marketing program has kicked-off.

Craig Longenecker retiring in January, announcement of replacement is by 11/10/22.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Expenditures – Moved by Ryan Boots to pay expenditures totaling \$38,901.30, supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved. It was noted that the expenditures were high due to payroll, elections, and the paying of quarterly taxes.

Things that need to be talked about.

Adjourn – Moved by Amy Bowen, supported by Robert Ladiski to adjourn, approved. 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn D Levey, Duplain Township Clerk