

Duplain Township Regular Meeting

November 8, 2023

The November 8, 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, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, and Dawn D. Levey

Visitors: Val Vail-Shirey, County Commissioner; Kari Dickenson

Agenda: It was moved by Amy Bowen to accept the agenda with the addition of Dr. Mark Holley, assessor – Poverty Exemption Resolution, and supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 11, 2023 regular meeting were presented for review and approval. It was moved by Robert Ladiski to approve the minutes, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved.

Financial Reports: The monthly financial reports and account balances were presented by Amy Bowns, Township Treasurer:

- General Fund: \$221,161.04
 - Money Market \$109,958.22
 - **Public**
 - CD \$ 13,824.56
- Emergency Services \$2,399.01
 - Money Market \$83,589.97
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Roads \$44,076.13
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Tax Account \$ 2,076.68
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00

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

Correspondence: None

Sheriff Report: No Report

Public Comment Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

1. Road/Bridges/Dam Update: It was recommended that the clerk, Dawn D Levey, be the contact person for the grants. An Elsie Dam PowerPoint presentation was shared with the board so they are aware of what is being presented to potential partners. It was suggested that the PowerPoint be posted on the township website. An update was given regarding the partners and the status of grant application for the dam removal.
2. For information the results of the ORV Public Hearing and the ordinance were presented. The ordinance did pass and is in effect.
3. An update of the status of the ordinance regarding utility grade solar and wind was given. Planning and Zoning will set a public hearing 11/9/23 and the process will continue however, the legislature has taken action to limit local control on utility solar and wind. HB 5120 and 5121. It was noted that law suits are expected to be filed.
4. Election Update – Extensive list of changes, review of the county agreement and the days Duplain Township is scheduled to oversee the nine-early days of voting. The process is ever changing.
5. The revised disinterment policy was reviewed. It was moved by Robert Ladiski to adopt the procedure, supported by Ryan Boots. Approved. The policy will be posted on the website

New Business:

1. Fire/Ambulance
 - a. Elsie Area Fire Department: 3 fire runs (2Duplain Township), 15 rescue runs, total 25 overall. License was renewed for rescue. Next month, review of the contracts. Halloween Party was very successful, slower due to the weather.
 - b. CAAS continues to be financially solvent and the budget is in progress. Runs to date: Ambulance – 3,141; Rescue 141. Purchase of ambulances and an ECHO unit was held. Personnel issues are being resolved and the service will be posting an Assistant Director position.
2. Law Enforcement Agreement – Presented for review. It was noted that action was taken at the October meeting to approve the agreement.
3. Clinton County Traffic Summit – Informational: event scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023, 10 am, Clinton County Road Commission.
4. Dr. Mark Holley, assessor, presented the 2024 Poverty Exemption (see attached). Noting that there was one poverty exemption in 2023. It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve resolution 2023-03, supported by Amy Bowen. Roll call: Yays: Bruce Levey, Ryan Boots, Amy Bowen, Robert Ladiski, Dawn Levey; Nays - none.
December Board of Review is scheduled for December 12, 2023 9 am.

County Commissioners Report – See attached. There are spaces on the committees and commissions in Clinton County, applications are on the county website. Each commissioner will have a tablet for all County business due to FOIA requests. New Deputy Treasurer – Tina Ward. Discussed the bill regarding utility grade solar and wind.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

Karie Dickenson – Questioned regarding participation in the FEMA Flood Plain Agreement. Information available through Matt Occhipinti and FEMA.

Clerk’s Report – Budget Amendment Recommendations:

1. Treasurer -
 - Move: \$100.00 from 101-253-727 (supplies) leaving \$393.55 to 101-253-730 Postage
2. Parks & Recreation -
 - Move: \$11,00 0.00 From 101-751-969 (contributions) leaving a balance of \$7,638.25 to 101-751-969-001 Duplain Park & Rec.
3. Building Maintenance -
 - Move: \$500.00 from 101-101-727 (Board supplies) and \$5000,00 from 101-101-931 (Board Computer Upgrades) to 101-265-930 Township Hall Maintenance
4. EMS -
 - Move \$2,000 from 261-000-815 (runs) living a balance of \$6,000 to 261-000-812 Elsie Fire and Rescue.

It was moved by Ryan Boots to approve the proposed budget amendments and supported by Robert Ladiski. Approved. Officials reviewed the expenditures total \$32,095.28. It was moved by Ryan Boots and supported by Robert Ladiski to approve the expenditures. Approved.

Things Not Talked About: Clinton County Road Commission, Public Open House, Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 4-6 pm. and Amy Bowen requested Board information for the newsletter.

Adjournment: It was moved by Robert Ladiski to adjourn and supported by Ryan Boots. Approved. Adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk