

Duplain Township

April 10, 2024

The April 10, 2024 regular meeting of Duplain Township Board was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 7:30 pm, Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main Street, Elsie, Michigan. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Guests: Val Vail-Shirley, County Commissioner; Jennings West, Ovid Twp. Supervisor; Dr. Mark Holley, Assessor; Kari Dickenson

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by A. Bowen and supported by R. Boots to approve the agenda as presented. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Boots and supported by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting. Approved.

Financial Reports: Amy Bowen, treasurer, presented an updated March 2024 treasurer report to be placed on file. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the financial reports as presented, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved

- General Fund \$307,919.86
 - Money Market \$110,746.57
 - Savings Account \$ 185.00
 - CD \$ 14,049.20
- Roads \$127,848.93
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- EMS \$ 57,977.91
 - Money Market \$136,920.47
 - Savings Account \$ 5.00
- Tax Account \$ 0.00

Correspondence: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- Roads/Bridges/Dam Update:
 - The Elsie Dam – Susan Wells from USFWS completed a site visit today 4/10/24. The announcement of the BILS Grant will take place April 23, 2024. The Elsie

Dam is one of twenty nationwide projects being considered. It should be noted that the two other grants will be announce by the end of the month.

- Election Update –
 - 109 voters were contacted regarding the change in polling site for the May 7, 2024 St. Johns Public School election. 27 AV Ballots sent. Also, please review the clerk's officer hours for the next month. The 23rd is for candidate filing, May 4 and 5 for the May 7, elections and the thirteen hours on May 7, 2024. FOIA requests continue to be received.

New Business:

- Fire Update – Pending investigation is still ongoing, there is a hope for resolution by the end of April. Vehicle maintenance is ongoing. The 2024-25 budget was approved. The Village of Elsie approved the insurance request. The association will be looking at and updating the fire agreement. Next meeting 4/11/24. It was moved by R. Ladiksi and supported by R. Boots, to pay any fire bills that may come in. Approved.
 - 2024-25 budget was passed; the nepotism policy passed; and the service will move forward in search of an assistant director. The next meeting is Thursday, April 18, 6:00 pm, at the hospital.
- Parks and Recreation – The committee met April 2, 2024. A dam update was given. The committee outlined projects for Friendship Park – portable restrooms will be delivered May 1; the township will be seeking quotes for the pavilion and picnic table repairs; swing replacement. Kyle Thornton will talk with the 4-H groups about some equipment painting; mulch will be installed May 9, 2024 by the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School; the township supervisor will evaluate the backstop; and the youth league will look at improving the grass ball field for use by the league.
- Millage request for Roads and Fire/EMS –
 - 2024 1a – Road Millage - Moved by R. Boots to approve the millage resolution, 2024-1a, supported by A. Bowen. Roll Call: B. Levey – yes; Robert Ladiski – yes; Ryan Boots – yes; Amy Bowen – yes; and Dawn Levey – yes. Adopted.
 - 2024 1b – Fire/EMS Millage renewal and increase. Moved by R. Ladiski to adopt the resolution, supported by R. Boots. Roll Call: B. Levey – yes; Robert Ladiski – yes; Ryan Boots – yes; Amy Bowen – yes; and Dawn Levey – yes. Adopted.
- Dr. Mark Holley – presented the clerk with the minutes if the 2024 March Board of Review.

County Commissioners Report – Val Vail-Shirley, the commission passed the Solar Energy Ordinance with a 5-2 vote. Amendments were made. The Wind Ordinance is still on the table, questionable if there is support so could revert back to the old ordinance. Updates were approved for the Clinton County Fair Ground; the prosecutors' office is in a state of remodel. Labor issues are being addressed with the Sheriff Department and 9-1-1, it is moving in a

positive direction. Millage requests coming up – Clinton County Transit and 9-1-1. Thank-you to Duplain Township folks for serving on county boards.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Clerk's Report – Expenditures totaling \$5,049.08 from the general fund and from the EMS Fund Elsie Fire Association annual ready to serve fee - \$93,939.37. It was moved by R. Boots to pay the bills as presented, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

Things That Need to be Talked About- Discussed the Elsie Library contract, officials reviewed the current agreement. The Elsie Historical Society requested permission to improve the sidewalk at their expense. It was moved by R. Ladiski, supported by R. Boots to allow the Historical Society to improve the sidewalk at their expense. Approved.

Officials expressed a sincere thank-you to Gail Parker for the \$300 donation for Friendship Parks.

It was moved by A. Bowen to adjourn, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved. Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Levey

Duplain Township Clerk