

Duplain Township

December 11, 2024

The December 11, 2024 regular meeting of Duplain Township was called to order by Bruce D 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, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn D Levey

Guests Present: Charles Smith/Spicer Group; Ken Harris/Development Group; Dorothy Ornelas, Chief Destinee Bryce, Deputy Ruggiero, Jason Freman, Todd Carroll

Agenda: The December 11, 2024 agenda was presented for approval with the addition of the Clinton County Sheriff Department quarterly report. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the amended agenda and supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

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

Special Reports:

- Sheriff's Report – Deputy Kalen Ruggiero, Clinton County Sheriff Department, introduced himself. – Commissioners approved the hiring of three additional deputies which will improve response times. A monthly report was presented regarding Duplain Township. He will be attending quarterly.
- Charles Smith – Project Manager, Spicer Group – Dam Removal Project update. Data collection is in progress. Soil surveys, wetland delineation, demographic surveys, hydraulic work complete. November 11, a kick-off meeting with all of the stakeholders, which brought a few additional items to light. To date 48% of budget for data collection, 10% of design budget has been completed. Looking good, overall. SHPO is involved, and the desktop review has been completed. Phase I of the archeological investigation is next.
 - Work change directive – SHPO, \$12,000 and Environmental Assessment \$40,000, noting that this is covered by the MDNR Fish Passage grant.
 - Directive available upon request.
 - EGLE Dam Risk Grant, pre-application has been submitted for an additional \$1.7 million. The additional funds will cover construction increases and environmental studies.

It was moved by R. Boots to approve the Directive Change that involves the Environmental Assessment \$40,000 and the SHPO survey \$12,321.26 and supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were presented by Amy Bowen, Duplain Township Treasurer.

• General Fund	\$300,572.41
○ Money Market	\$61,602.12
○ Savings Account	\$185.00
○ CD	\$14,421.44
• Emergency Fund	\$1,493.54
○ Money Market	\$69,892.92
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
• Road Fund	\$59,229.52
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
• Dam and Fish Passage Project Fund	\$50,140.00
○ Money Market	\$142.25
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
• Tax Account	\$170.51
○ Savings Account	\$5.00

It was moved by R, Boots to approve the financial reports and account balances pending audit, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Old Business:

1. Road/Bridges/Dam Update – Grant Updates
 - a. Charles Smith/Spicer Group Project Manage – addressed project amendments
 - b. Overband bill arrived and will be paid after this meeting. 2025 projects were discussed.
2. PA233 Appeal – Moving forward.
3. Lock Change Update – In progress.

New Business:

1. Fire Update –
 - a. 1 new cadet, and 1 probationary rescue, 1 probationary fire. Added staff will help with daytime calls. The Association adopted two families for Christmas; New members of the EAFA Board are Ron Maynard, Chapin Township and Todd Carroll, Village of Elsie. Village of Elsie officials voted to withdraw from the 2025-2026 fire contract, giving eleven months for negotiations and to update the current fire agreement.
2. Ambulance Update – Next Meeting Thursday, December 19, 2024. The following items will be addressed and proposed updates made.
 - a. Articles of Incorporation

- b. Bylaws
 - c. Policies
3. Ken Harris – Brownfield Plan & Tax Abatement – A Resolution Adopting Brownfield Plan to proceed with the project and involves a tax abatement (20 years). It was moved by R. Boots and supported by Amy Bowen to adopt the resolution. Roll Call: Ayes – R. Ladiski, R. Boots, A. Bowen, B. Levey, and D. Levey. No nays. Adopted.
 4. EGLE Dam Risk Grant Application – if approved action will be needed to accept the grant. Also, on January 29, 2025 USFWS will do a site visit in preparation for the mussel survey and relocation.

County Commissioners Report: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

Clerk’s Report & Expenditures – Requested Budget Amendment: 211-000-967/Construction is over by \$496.83. It was recommended that \$500 be moved from 211-000-757 (Chloride) leaving a balance of \$5,678.44 to 211-000-967 (Construction) leaving a balance of \$3.17.

It was moved by A. Bowen and supported by R. Ladiski to amend the budget as requested -. Approved. It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to approve expenditures totaling \$10,883.32. Approved.

Adjourn – It was moved by D. Levey to adjourn, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved. Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk