

Duplain Township

November 12, 2025

November 12, 2025, regular Duplain Township Board meeting 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 Levey, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, and Robert Ladiski. Dawn D Levey was excused.

Guests: Doug Sturgis and Benton with Communityinput.org

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of clerk's request to seek attorney advice and the correction of the cost of the requested stop signs. It was moved by R Boots and supported by R Ladiski to approve the agenda as amended. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of October 8, 2025, regular meetings were presented for review and approval. It was moved by R Ladiski and supported by R Boots to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

Financial Reports: The monthly financial reports were presented by A Bowen, township treasurer.

- General Fund \$378322.19
 - Money Market \$56.42
 - Savings Account \$185.00
 - CD \$14,914.57
- Emergency Services \$8,702.16
 - Money Market \$83,556.28
 - Savings Account \$5.00
- Road Fund \$170,810.92
 - Savings Account \$5.00
- Dam & Fish Project \$36,012.61
 - Money Market \$142.25
 - Savings Account \$5.00
- Tax Account \$1,847.23
 - Savings Account \$5.00

It was moved by R boots to approve the financial reports and bank balance pending audit. Supported by R Ladiski. Approved.

Correspondence: Meeting slated for the Clinton county Township Officials Association at the Clinton County Road Commission building, November 18, 2025, 7 pm

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- a. Roads/Bridges: No report
- b. Dam Project: Officials were provided, in writing, with an update and summary of the work that has been completed.
- c. Special Land Use Permit – Kari Dickenson. No action. The request will be approved at the Planning Commission meeting November 13, 2025.

New Business:

- a. Fire Department Update – A lease agreement has been signed with Doug Sturgis effective November 15, 2025. EAFD will be out of the current facility before November 25, 2025. The Fire Association is looking at this as a bridge, whether the Main Street location is purchased down the road or if a new building is built in the future.
- b. Clinton Area Ambulance – A written report was presented to officials.
- c. Stop sign Purchase – B Levey presented an updated price for the stop ahead signs requested at the corner of Colony and Shepardsville and the corner of Shepardsville and Island roads. The original estimate was \$10,000 the current cost is \$13,201.00. Discussion followed. It was moved by R Ladiski to purchase the signs with the cost increase and supported by R boots. Approved.
- d. Clerk's Request – It was noted that Duplain Township is not actively looking at pursuing the Village of Elsie. Money will not be spent on rumors.

Clerk's Report – It was noted that funds will need to be moved from the unallocated Road Fund balance to cover the remaining 2025 road projects. Expenditures totaling \$174,612.67 were presented for approval. It was moved by R Boots and supported by R Ladiski to approve the expenditures. Approved.

Things that need to be talked about:

- a. R. Ladiski inquired about the status of the apartments to be developed at the former Elsie High School site. It was reported that grants have dried up and the government shutdown has had an impact on the project (D Sturgis)
- b. R Boots spoke to Ferral's regarding tree removal at the Duplain Township Cemetery. B Levy has not received quotes; he would like them removed in February or March. R boots will follow up, stump grinding to be included.
- c. A Bowen – will set up MiClass meeting in December or January. Also, Elba Township is moving the township hall to an abandoned gas station. Ashley Fire Department is looking at utilizing office space at the old township site.

Adjournment: It was moved by R Ladiski to adjourn and supported by R Boots.
Approved. Adjourn at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Township Clerk

Thank you to Amy Bowen for taking notes.