

## Duplain Township

February 12, 2025

The February 12, 2025 regular meeting of Duplain Township 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, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn D Levey.  
**Absent:** Amy Bowen due to illness.

**Guests Present:** Jason Freeman, Village President; Todd Carroll, President Pro-Tem

**Agenda:** The February 12, 2025 agenda was presented for approval with the addition of the furnace proposal. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

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

**Special Reports:** None

**Financial Reports:** The monthly financial reports were prepared by Amy Bowen, township treasurer and presented by B. Levey.

● General Fund	\$350,639.60
○ Money Market	\$61,747.43
○ Savings Account	\$185.00
○ CD	\$14,517.68
● Tax Account	\$226,842.47
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
● EMS	\$8,690.75
○ Money Market	\$142,042.09
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
● Roads	\$127,079.42
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
● Dam & Fish Passage Account	\$14,560.23
○ Money Market	\$142.25
○ Savings	\$5.00

It was moved by D. Levey approve the financial reports pending audit. Supported by R. Boots. Approved. It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to move the General Fund Money Market funds totaling \$61,674.62 to the Dam Account. Approved.

**Correspondence:**

- Charter Communication
- New Look – IT Program
- Recycling Update – Waste Management

**Public Comment on Agenda Items – No comment**

**Old Business:**

1. Dam Update –
  - MDNR request for funds submitted, approximately \$91,000 expended.
  - EGLE Grant 2024 quarterly report filed
  - EGLE Grant 2025 submitted, requesting 1.7 million dollars
  - Minutes of stakeholder’s update included in the packet
2. Lock Change Status – No report.
3. PA 233 Update – The stay pending appeal was denied. The fight will continue. Complete letter available upon request.
4. 2025 Road Projects – Discussion. Kinley Road from Shepardsville to Meridian, seal coat. Ridge Rd. chip seal and over-band.
5. Green Space Update – Summary provided.
  - a. Duplain Township Parks & Recreation Report
  - b. Mint City Handyman Bid for teeter-totters and decking, \$900. No action taken.

**New Business:**

1. Fire Update:
  - a. A special meeting of the Board was held 1/29/25 – Kam Washburn was present to give a history of the initial agreement. Commenting that it is important for all entities to work together to maintain a fire department for the Township and area residents.
  - b. Jason Freeman, village president, updated officials on the financial status of the village and it is their goal to maintain EAFD in the current facility.
  - c. Negotiations will continue, however, the village will lose its seat the association effective April 1, 2025.
  - d. Ryan Boots 2/12/25 meeting

- i. Voted to establish the 2025-26 ready to fee - \$42.05 per capita, up 3.5%
  - ii. Discussion regarding the lease for the building.
  - iii. Increase the wages of fire fighters = \$17 first hour and \$12.50 per hour thereafter.
  - iv. Brush Truck in progress. Rescue Truck needs tires, questionable whether they are retaining it.
2. Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority – minutes available upon request
  - a. Began the task of updating the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. Note items to be considered bylaws are highlighted.
  - b. Financially solvent – Cash on hand for operations \$142,992 and current cash on hand for the authority \$305,335.
  - c. Runs to date – 202 and rescue 2
3. Informational – Annual Township Clinton County Road Commission meeting slated for March 13, 2025, 8am, at the Road Commission conference room. Attending: B. Levey, D. Levey, R. Ladiski, R. Boots.
4. Action needed for the pay increase resolution, 2.5% increase across the board. Action was taken to move to forward the resolutions to the annual meeting for final approval.
  - Trustees: \$238 plus the annual meeting + \$25 for additional meetings – Moved by R. Boots, supported by R. Ladiski to move forward. Approved
  - Clerk - \$24,242 – Moved by R. Boots, supported by R. Ladiski. Abstained D. Levey. Approved.
  - Treasurer - \$24,242 - Moved by D. Levey, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.
  - Supervisor - \$21,115 – Moved by R. Boots, supported by R. Ladiski. B. Levey Abstained. Approved
5. Budget 2025-2026: Provide suggestions no later than the March meeting.
6. Furnace Proposal for the library - \$7,200.00 – discussion. No action until needed.

**Dr. Mark Holley – Assessor**, Board of Review slated for March 10 and 13.

- Taxes up 3.1% per assessment. Commercial buildings hit the hardest. Ag moved slightly, residential up 15%.
- Organizational meeting March 5, 9 am
- Appeals slated for March 10, 9am-3pm, and March 13, 3pm-9pm.

**County Commissioner's Report** – Written report provided by the Commissioner

- Board Band Update provided.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – No comments**

**Clerks Report:**

- Budget amendment update – amendments will be made at the March 2025 meeting.
- Expenditures totaling \$24,819.95 were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Ladiski to pay the expenditures, supported by R. Boots. Approved.

**Things to be discussed:** Update on the former Elsie High School project.

**Adjourn:** It was moved by R. Boots to adjourn. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk

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