

Duplain Township

September 10, 2025

The September 10, 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 Levey, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn Levey

Guests: Doug Steffen, Clinton County Road Commission; Mike Fredrick, Road Commission; Jenning West, Ovid Twp. Supervisor,

Agenda: The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of Doug Steffen, Clinton County Road Commission. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by A. Bowen. Approved,

Minutes: The minutes of the August 13, 2025 regular meeting were presented for review and approval. It was moved by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Supported R. Boots. Approved.

Special Reports:

- a. Clinton County Road Commission – Doug Steffen and Mike Fredrick. Update on the 2025 road season. Projects are in the completion stages and getting ready to close down Airport Road three phase program, phase one. Large project is dire need to be improved. 65 miles of chip seal completed, fogging complete, and the culvert assessment has been completed. The assessment is a planning tool for the township, noting that one is local and the township is responsible for. The goal is to deliver a 5-year plan. Starting to outline projects for 2026, will be contacting each township. Frontier issues were discussed, especially the right-away as the internet is being installed.

Financial Reports: The monthly treasurer's report was presented by Amy Bowen, township treasurer.

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| • General Fund | \$374,543.98 |
| ○ Money Market | \$56.42 |
| ○ Savings Account | \$185.00 |
| ○ CD | \$14,829.17 |
| • Emergency Services | \$8,702.16 |
| ○ Money Market | \$83,369.50 |
| ○ Savings Account | \$5.00 |

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| • Tax Account | \$54,925.87 |
| ○ Savings Account | \$5.00 |
| • Roads | \$170,810.92 |
| ○ \$5.00 | |
| • Dam & Fish Passage Account | \$12,721.67 |
| ○ Money Market | \$142.25 |
| ○ Savings Account | \$5.00 |

It was moved by R Boots to approve the financial reports pending audit. Supported R Ladiski. Approved.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- a. Roads – Report presented by the Clinton County Road Commission.
- b. Dam & Fish Passage – The mussels are being relocated, 15 species discovered and they are being relocated down river. A power point and report will be available at the next meeting. Also, the metabarcoding study has been completed and will be available soon. The EGLE consolidation grant paperwork has been completed and submitted for approval. The chemical studies, 179 samples have been submitted and we are waiting for lab results.
- c. Rezoning – update presented. Clinton County Commissioners voted unanimously to overturn the Planning Commission recommendation.
- d. Clinton Area Ambulance – Approval of the Articles of Incorporation – It was moved by D. Levey approve the final copy of the Articles of Incorporation, supported by R. Boots. Approved
- e. Audit Update – Approval and review at the October meeting.

New Business:

- a. Fire Update – A. Bowen – a \$100,000 cash offer to purchase and a lease agreement \$1.00 annually. Fairfield voted not to purchase said building. 9/9/25 land contract withdrawn, \$300,000 only for purchase; lease \$1,200 monthly, no increase and an exit clause and EFD will pay all costs. Discussion followed. Authority type governance structure is being considered. Agreement needs to be in place covering the Village.
- b. Clinton Area Ambulance – Financially CAAS is watching budgets and expenses closely due to notably lower run volume and the reduction of hospital transfers. Currently 2,500 compared to 2024 runs of 2,722. The articles are complete, now working on the bylaws.

Also, note that insurance for employees may increase up to 13%. Staff is active and committed to the success of CAAS. A complete report is available upon request.

- c. Spectrum and Computer Update – Move forward to update – Moved by R. Ladiski to complete the upgrades and management services, supported by R. Boots. Approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Clerk's Report and Expenditures: It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to pay the expenditures totaling \$41,786.37. Approved. Noting that the \$33,047.35 for the Spicer Group will be drafted when funds are received.

Things that need to be discussed – B Levey, recommended that a quote from Ferral's Tree Service for the tree in the Duplain Cemetery. The goal is this fall or in January.

Adjourn – It was moved by R. Ladiski to adjourn, supported by R. Boots. Approved. Adjourned at 9:15 pm.