

## **Duplain Township**

The December 10, 2025 regular meeting of the 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.

**Members Present:** Bruce Levey, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, and Dawn Levey

**Guests:** TJ Thompson – consultant “What communities want.” Nichole Fickes – County Commissioner

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the agenda as presented, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular November 12, 2025 meeting were presented for approval, with the addition of stop ahead signs clarification, and with the amendment to the treasurer’s report general fund balance of \$378,322.19. It was moved by R. Boots and supported by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes of the Special Meeting held November 24, 2025 were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Ladiski and supported by A. Bowen to approved the special meeting minutes. Approved.

**Financial Reports:** The monthly financial report was presented by Amy Bowen, treasurer.

- General Fund                   \$369,938.68
  - Money Market   \$56.42
  - Savings           \$185.00
  - CD                 \$14,956.77
- Emergency Services       \$8,702.16
  - Money Market   \$83648.29
  - Savings           \$5.00
- Roads                         \$120,008.90
  - Savings           \$5.00
- Dam Fund                   \$36,012.61
  - Money Market   \$142,25
  - Savings           \$5.00
- Tax Account                \$6,657.21
  - Savings           \$5.00

It was moved by B. Levey to approve the financial reports pending audit, supported by R. Boots. Approved

**Correspondence:** Information was provided by the Clinton County Drain Commission regarding drain work that is to be completed in Duplain Township

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:**

- a. Roads/Bridges: No report – snow covered and slippery.
- b. Dam Update – General update and a meeting to be scheduled the first week of January 2026 to review the permitting application with the stakeholders.

**New Business:**

- a. Fire Update – Regular meeting Wednesday, December 17, 2025, a full agenda. The meeting will be held at the new fires station; officials are invited to attend.
- b. Ambulance Update – Articles of Incorporation still pending and the Bylaws are in progress. Noting at this point to be adopted a 100% approval is required.
- c. Appointment of New Library Board Member: It was moved by D. Levey to approve the appointment of Cathy Dunlap to the library board as recommended by the Elsie Public Library Board. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.
- d. Budget Amendments – #1: Treasurer 253 - Transfer \$100.00 from 101-253-956.000 (Misc.) to 101-253—900.000 (Printing & Publishing) leaving a balance of \$49.96. It was moved by R. Boots to transfer the funds as recommended and supported by A. Bowen Approved. #2: Board to Highways Account – transfer \$47,000.00 from 101-101-969.00 Contributions leaving a balance of \$23,400.00 to 101-446-967.00 Highway Construction leaving a balance of \$129.83. It was moved by A. Bowen to approve the transfer and budget amendment as recommended, supported by R. Boots. Approved. #3: Township Board – transfer \$15,000 from 101-101-969.00 Contributions leaving a balance of \$8,400 to 101-101-801.00 Professional and Contractual leaving a balance of \$129.83. Noting the increase was due to computer cyber and internet updates. It was moved R. Ladiski and supported by R. Boots to approve the budget amendment and transfer as recommended. Approved

**County Commissioners** – Nicki Fickes – Reported on the broadband progress, 7,200 locations must be completed by the end of 2026. Working with Frontier and the contractors to avoid further complications. Rail Road permits were discussed and is being addressed. Clinton Trails was awarded \$150,000 grant to create additional trails; LEAP contract was approved and is working with the Elsie Area to increase business opportunities. ITTC powerlines will not impact Clinton County. The Planning/Zoning office lost its director after two days; action will be taken in 2026 to fill the position. OHM contract will be extended; Lynn Wilson will continue to serve in the position until the position is filled. Two positions are open on the Planning Commission – fifteen applicants have been received.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – None

**Clerk's Report** – Expenditures totaling \$95,603.39 were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Boots and supported by A. Bowen to approve the expenditures. Approved.

**Things that need to be talked about – December 17**, public meeting regarding the Walker Rd Solar Energy proposal, the meeting will be held at the Bingham Township Hall. The clerk was asked to check on security of the Duplain Township website.

**Adjournment** – 8:20 p It was moved by R. Boots, supported by R. Ladiski to adjourn. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,'

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk