

## **Duplain Township**

March 12, 2025

The March 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, Dawn D Levey, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski. Excused Amy Bowen.

**Guests Present:** Jason Freeman, Village President; Todd Carroll Pro Tem; Nicole Fickes County Commissioner

**Agenda:** The March 12, 2025 agenda was presented for approval with the addition of new business item letter supporting grant for HomeWorks. It was moved by R. Boots, supported R. Ladiski. Approved

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 12, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Ladiski, supported by R. Boots to approve as printed. Approved

**Special Reports: None**

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

- General Fund \$363,643.06
  - Money Market \$56.42
  - Savings Account \$185.00
  - CD \$14,561.41
- Emergency Fund \$25,716.52
  - Money Market \$142,193.54
  - Savings Account \$5.00
- Roads Fund \$141,672.91
  - Savings Account \$5.00
- Dam Fund \$28,469.90
  - Money Market \$142.25
  - Savings Account \$5.00
- Tax Account \$669,211.98
  - Savings Account \$5.00

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

**Correspondence:**

- **SHPO** letter regarding deterioration of the dam.

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

### **Old Business:**

1. Road/Bridges/Dam Update
  - a. Dam Project Update – attached and available upon request. Studies underway and the pre-permitting meeting with EGLE will take place the end of March.
  - b. 2025 EGLE Grant will be awarded end of April 2025, so we wait,
  - c. Mussel survey will take place May 5,6, or 7, 2025 all stakeholders welcome to stop by the site.
  - d. Studies and permitting should be completed by March 31, 2026.

It was moved to by R. Ladiski and supported R. Boots to allow the clerk to request a \$100,000 advance on the MDNR grant. Approved.

2. Lock Change: No progress
3. 2025 Road Projects: Discussed winter work and upcoming projects, will be discussed at meeting with the annual meeting of the Clinton County Road Commission. Overbanding was discussed. Annual maintenance including chloride, spot gravel, and then evaluate funds available regarding chip seal.
4. Reminder: March 13, 8am annual township meeting with the Clinton County Road Commission – B. Levey, R. Boots, R. Ladiski and D Levey attending. Discussed potential projects for 2025.
5. FY 2025-26 Budget Update – in progress

### **New Business:**

1. Clinton Area Ambulance – Bruce attended. They are working on the articles of incorporation, and by laws. Paramedicine program is in progress.
2. Fire Update – No report
3. Annual Meeting reminder March 29, 2025 10 am
4. Letter of Support of Grant for HomeWorks – available upon request. It was moved by R. Ladiski to support the Hometown, Tri County Electric grant request to improve broadband service to their clients. Supported by R. Boots. Approved.

**County Commissioners Report:** Nicole Fickes, County Commissioner, updated and answered questions regarding the broadband and Frontier. Guide House in charge of compliance issues and installation of fiber. Contact info: [broadbandinfo@clinton-county.org](mailto:broadbandinfo@clinton-county.org), [www.frontier.com/myshop](http://www.frontier.com/myshop) pricing and [www.frontier.com/myfiber](http://www.frontier.com/myfiber) for service. The county GRS map layers scroll all the way to the bottom. Wind ordinance passed the Commission. The law suit has not moved, regarding PA233. March 17, 9:00am infrastructure meeting with a focus on replacement of the jail, 91 million dollar project.

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

**Clerks Report:** Dawn Levey, clerk, requested the following budget amendments:

Transfer \$1,300.00 from 101-101-969 (Contributions) to 101-101-715 (SS) leaving a balance of \$88.14

Transfer \$800.00 from 101-101-969 leaving a balance of \$82,900 to 101-101-956 (Misc) creating a balance of \$36.80

Transfer \$100 from 101-215-730 (Postage) leaving a balance of \$400 to 101-215-860 (Mileage) creating a balance of \$41.35.

It was moved by R. Boots to approve the presented budget amendments, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved

In addition, the budget amendment regarding the Dam Account was presented for approval.

Transfer \$40,000 from 404-752-967 (Construction) leaving a balance of \$10,000 to 404-752-817 (Contracted Services) creating a balance of \$6,864.72. It was moved by R. Ladiski to approve the budget amendment, supported by R. Boots. Approved.

The expenditures totaling \$5,060.28 were presented or approval. It was moved by R. Boots to pay the expenditures totaling \$5,060.28, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved

**Things That Need to be Talked About –**

- Election update – St. Johns Public Schools May 6, 2025. Duplain will be the polling site and will not be consolidating.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by R. Boots and supported by R Ladiski to adjourn. Approved.  
Adjourned at 8:35 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk