

Duplain Township

July 9, 2025

The July 9, 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 Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Bruce D Levey, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn D Levey

Guests: Kalen Ruggiero – Clinton County Sheriff Department

Agenda: The agenda was presented for review and approval with the addition of sign update. It was moved by A. Bowen to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by R. Boots. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved

Special Reports: Kalen Ruggiero, Clinton County Sheriff Deputy – noted that there has been an increase of staffing to patrol Clinton County. 4 deputies and 1 sergeant per shift after all training is completed. The county is divided into two sections, north and south. The department received a donation \$160,000, part of the funding was used for specialized divisions including – dive team, swat and canine. Remaining funds were presented to a committee and a recommendation will be made to the Clinton County Commissioners. Duplain Township is relatively quiet over the past six months – seven 911 calls, one attempted pickup, two business contacts, seventeen car/deer accidents; four neighbor disputes, one domestic complaint, thirteen follow ups, two fraudulent activities, six harassment complaints, one no car insurance, one run-away, two medical examiners natural death, one DUI, one overdose, two personal injury accidents, 101 property checks, one psych person, seven requests for service, two suicidal individuals, five requests for welfare checks, just to name a few. In comparison to other townships very low response.

Financial Reports: Amy Bowen, treasurer, presented the monthly financial reports.

- General Fund \$369,619.69
 - Money Market \$56.42
 - Savings Account \$185.00
 - CD \$14,742.91
- Emergency Services \$8,702.16

- Money Market \$83,180.07
 - Savings Account \$5.00
- Roads \$188,709.53
 - Savings Account \$5.00
- Dam Fund \$71,398.40
 - Money Market \$142.25
 - Savings Account \$5.00
- Tax Account - Savings \$5.00

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

Correspondence: List of the drain work to be completed during the 2025 season, informational.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Old Business:

1. Roads/Bridges – Chloride application was not satisfactory, in experienced staffing was the problem.
2. Dam Update – Meeting scheduled with MDNR and EGLE July 10, 2025 to discuss pre-permitting requirements to allow for mussel relocation. Also, will be working on the consolidation of the EGLE grants for efficiency. Total MDNR grant spent \$178,037.78 balance \$71,962.22. Verizon has been contacted regarding the removal of the utility poll either temporarily or permanently.
3. Rezoning Request – The Clinton County Commissioners are sending the request back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration. It will be addressed at the August 15, 2025 meeting.
4. Clinton Area Ambulance Articles of Incorporation – due to questions, and amendments presented by Maple Rapids there was not a vote and there may be changes.
5. Sign Update – estimates presented were more than the \$10,000 allocation, all agreed that is fine to proceed. Signs near bridges, Clinton County Road Commission will not place signs the home owner can purchase them.

New Business:

1. Fire Update – A. Bowen – grants are being submitted for new equipment the first priority being a new jaw of life and equipment that goes with it. The Board is still waiting on the Village regarding a lease or purchase agreement. The Village

attorney is in the process of completing the agreements. The requests have been going on since January 2025.

2. Clinton Area Ambulance Service – CAAS is working on completing the Articles and Bylaws the goal is August 2025. The service is still evaluating the billing system if it does not improve the solution would be to bring it in house. Runs to date: 2025 – 1,845/2024 – 1,967; Rescue: 2025 – 40/2024 – 40. Run volume is down. Minutes are available upon request.
3. Audit Update – The clerk will be meeting with Manor and Costerisan on Friday, July 18, 2025 for the field work. Pre-audit documents are in the process of being submitted.

County Commissioner's Report – No report.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – No report.

Clerks Report – Expenditures totaling \$34,081.82 were presented for approval. It was moved by R. Boots, supported by R. Ladiski to approve the expenditures. Approved.

Things that need to be discussed –

It was moved by R. Boots and supported by A. Bowen to adjourn. Approved. 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk