

Duplain Township

June 11, 2025

The June 11, 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, Amy Bowen, Ryan Boots, Robert Ladiski, Dawn D Levey

Guests: Dr. Mark Holley, Jason Wenzlick

Agenda: The June 11, 2025 meeting agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by R. Boots to approve the agenda with the addition of terrorism insurance. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 14, 2025 regular meeting were presented for review and approval. It was moved by R. Boots, supported by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

Special Reports: None

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

● General Fund	\$372,373.05
○ Money Market	\$56.42
○ Savings Account	\$185.00
○ CD	\$14,701.33
● Emergency Services Fund	\$8,495.41
○ Money Market	\$84,088.54
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
● Road Fund	\$182,110.34
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
● Dam and Fish Passage Fund	\$74,029.03
○ Money Market	\$142.25
○ Savings Account	\$5.00
● Tax Account	\$0.00
○ Savings Account	\$5.00

It was moved by D. Levey to approve the financials and bank balances pending audit. Supported by R. Boots. Approved

Correspondence: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

1. Roads/Bridges – Roads, the first chloride application has been completed. There may be issues, it appeared that the application was inconsistent from road to road.
2. Dam and Fish Passage Project Update – See attached minutes.
 - a. Action item – Request for approval of the consolidating of EGLE Grants and acceptance of the grant for 1.7 million dollars. It was moved by R. Ladiski to approve the EGLE Dam Risk Management Grant 2025 for 1.7 million and to consolidate the 2024 and 2025 grants, supported R. Boots. Approved.
3. Rezoning Request – Documents Available Upon Request
 - a. Colony And Harmon Rd – approximately 5 acres rezoning request from A-2 to RR, PC-09-25) (OR-207-25) to be rezoned.
 - b. Discussion followed. Concerns regarding spot zoning.
 - c. It was moved by R. Ladiski to deny the request for rezoning (PC-09-25) (OR-207-25), supported by A. Bowen. Approved.
4. Clinton Area Ambulance Articles of Incorporation – request to approve. It was moved to approve the amended CAAS Articles of Incorporation by B. Levey and supported by R. Boots. Approved.

New Business:

1. Fire Update – Amy Bowen. A request was made of the Village of Elsie to provide a lease agreement and a land contract agreement at the June 2025 meeting. Grants are being sought for equipment. A meeting was held with the chiefs to provide an opportunity to talk about the state of the department.
2. CAAS Update – The final review of the Articles of Incorporation took place. Noting a number of minor changes. Next step is addressing the bylaws. The billing company and ongoing concerns were discussed; E. Howe presented the options. Optimally the current company will do better, if not consideration will made to complete billing in-house. CAAS will be meeting monthly because the service has grown and there is a need to meet every month. Grants are being worked o n and community par-medicine is moving forward. Coverage regarding the south end of the county was discussed, it appears that Eaton Area EMS will cover DeWitt City, DeWitt and Olive townships. More to come. Hospital transfers were discussed with a possible contract in the works with U of M Sparrow, Clinton County Campus. Run volume is down,

this is trending across the state. To date 1,485 runs compared to 2024 – 1,508.

3. Letter of Engagement for the Audit: It was moved by R. Boots to sign the letter of engagement with Maner/Costerisan in the amount of \$10,000. Supported by A. Bowen. Approved.
4. County Early Voting Agreement and Plan: It was moved by D. Levey to enter into the Clinton County Early Voting Agreement and Plan for the 2026 election cycle. Supported by R. Boots. Approved.
5. Elsie Area Fire Department – Letter of Support Request – Reaching out to community members to write letters of support. Noting that most grants are due by the end of June 30, 2025. This was a request from the Elsie Area Fire Board, encouraging the community to write letters of support for the department. Letters can be forwarded to Amy Bowen, EAFD Board Treasurer.
6. Split Resolution – Dr. Mark Holley. The resolution that states that splits will not be processed from February 1 and June 1 annually. It was moved by A. Bowen to approve the resolution that denies splits between February 1 and June 1 annually, supported by R. Boots. Yeas – R. Ladiski, R. Boots, D. Levey, B Levey and Nays - 0
7. Resolution regarding Robert Skriba release from PA116 – It was moved by R. Boot to approve R. Skriba's request to withdraw from PA116, supported by R. Ladiski. Yeas: R. Ladiski, R. Boots, A. Bowen, B. Levey, D. Levey, Nays – 0. Adopted.
8. Terrorism Insurance – The cost of the add on is \$80. It was moved by R. Ladiski to purchase the Terrorism Insurance rider, supported by R. Boots. No – D. Levey. Passed.4-1

County Commissioner's Report: Nicole Fickes – OHM is temporarily addressing the Planning and Zoning due to a staffing deficit. Office hours are slated for Wednesday and Thursdays. Health Dept updates regarding ticks, bats, bird flu – call the department if there are concerns. Jail building is being addressed by infrastructure committee outlining the options. The Clinton County Fair Grounds is being evaluated for upgrades and with the next step being developing the master plan.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Jason Wenzlick – requested “no stopping, standing, or parking” signs be installed near his river property to address trespassing issues. He further requested that the board consider installing such signs near other areas by the river that impact the dam park area. This will take a request sent to MDOT and the Michigan State Police. This request will be researched. Hazard area designation may be considered near the dam, as well.

Clerks Report & Expenditures: It was moved by R. Boots to pay expenditures totaling \$36,140.81, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved. A check will be drafted for the terrorism insurance for \$80.

Things that need to be discussed: Lighted stop signs (solar powered) – Colony/Hollister roads update, still waiting to hear from the Clinton County Road Commission.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk