

## **Duplain Township – January 14, 2026**

The January 14, 2026 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, Dawn Levey

**Guests:** Kristin Angel Michigan Class, Rick Zemla – Fairfield Township; Zach Goodrich & Justin Paulus– Summer Youth Program; Rob Maynard – Chapin Township; Nicole Fickes – County Commissioner

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was presented for approval with the addition of tree removal under old business and new business temporary Elsie Area Fire Board appointment. It was moved by A. Bowen to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by R. Boots. Approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting were presented for approval with the following amendment – check #001988, \$76,870.17 to the Clinton County Road Commission was voided due to a change in the Flashing Stop Sign quote and reissued check #001990, \$76,296.97, the December minutes will reflect the change. It was moved by R. Ladiski to approve the minutes as amended. Supported by R Boots. Approved.

**Special Reports:** Michigan Class, Kristin Angel – This is an investment pool for local municipalities, short of State government. Rates are great for public agencies. On team manages the portfolio. 11,000 participants at this time. Daily rate, daily payout. No minimums, no maximums, and no sign-up fee, opt in. Not a checking account or bank. The township needs to adopt an investment policy, noting that assistance is available. Review current policy, PA 20 protects local government investment policies and outlines investment opportunities for municipalities. The cost .13 is deducted to pay for services. Notifications are emailed when transactions occur.

**Financial Reports:** The monthly financial reports were given by Amy Bowen, Duplain Township Treasurer.

- General Fund                      \$295,450.86
  - Money Market              \$56.42
  - Savings                      \$185.00
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  - Money Market              \$97,302.48
  - Savings                      \$5.00
- Roads                                  \$123,649.00
  - Savings                      \$5.00
- Dam & Fish Passage              \$35,590.06
  - Money Market              \$142.25
  - Savings                      \$5.00
- Tax Account                          \$671,350.17
  - Savings                      \$5.00

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:**

- a. Roads/Bridges – Two of the Flashing Stop signs have been installed, and the survey marks are in for the installation at the corner of Shepardsville and Island roads.
- b. Grant Update – A meeting was held with stakeholders regarding the application for permitting. Charles Smith, Spicer Group, hopes to submit the permit application within the next two-weeks. Mussel update – PowerPoint presentation.
- c. Trees – Elsie Dam Park walnut tree sale and the Duplain Twp. Cemetery tree removal – Ferral's will have a quote soon for the tree

in the Duplain Township Cemetery, still waiting for the tree removal at the Elsie Dam Park.

- d. Lighted Stop Signs – Partial installation is complete with signs installed at Hollister and Shepardsville; Island Road signs are next.

#### **New Business:**

- a. Fire Update – The department is settling into the new location. Three applicants for the fire chief have been received, interviews will take place Wednesday, January 21, 2026. An updated agreement is being written for member municipalities and the Village of Elsie.
- b. Ambulance Update – The Articles are still in progress. The finances of CAAS are very tight at this time due to reduced run volume and an increase in uncollectible service fees. The 2026-27 budget process is in progress and will be presented at the February meeting.
- c. Buy Back Cemetery Plots – Colony Cemetery – An individual has requested that the township buy back four cemetery plots that the family will not be using. Upon reviewing the ordinance the Township Board needed to amend the policy to include the cost of buying back. Action was taken to amend the policy to say no more than the current plot price, and the individual must provide legal documentation. It was moved by R. Ladiski to amend the policy as recommended, supported by R. Boots. Approved.
- d. Budget Preparation – wish list – Supervisor Levey requested suggestions from the board members. R. Boots recommended the purchase of flashing stop signs at corner Colony and Hollister. Additional recommendations are to be forwarded to the Clerk before the February meeting.
- e. Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting is slated for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7 pm, Clinton County Transit, St. Johns. Michigan
- f. Temporary Elsie Area Fire Association board appointment to participate in the fire chief interviews. Bruce Levey, supervisor appointed R. Boots to be a temporary member.

**County Commissioner's Report** – N. Fickes – Planning and Zoning Town Hall meeting with the Board of Commissioners is slated for February 5, 2026, 9am. Township supervisors are encouraged to attend and speak to the Board of Commissioners. Organizational meeting was held and committee appointments made. Bruce Delong was re-elected as the chair. A Water/Lake symposium will be held at the Victor Township Hall – March 14, time to be announced.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items;**

Justin Paulus – Youth Summer Recreation Board, presented a request for moon dust for the fields at Elsie Village Park. In addition, the program is now with the Mid-Michigan Youth League. The request will be added for consideration as part of the 2026-27 budget.

**Clerk's Report**

- a. D. Levey presented a request for the following budget amendments:
  - o Transfer \$200 from 101-446-967 Highways (construction) to 101-445-930 Drains=At-Large. It was moved by R. Boots to make the budget amendment as requested, supported by A. Bowen. Approved
  - o Dam/Fish Passage: Transfer \$20,000 from 404-752-956 (Misc.) to 404-752-817 (Contracted Services). It was moved by R. Boots to make the budget amendment as proposed. Supported by R. Ladiski. Approved.

Expenditures totaling \$19,276.92 were presented for approval, an explanation for each was given. It was moved by R. Ladiski to approve the expenditures totaling \$19,276.92. Supported by R. Boots. Approved.

**Things that need to be discussed** – Parks and Recreation committee will meet Monday, January 19, 6:30 pm.

**Adjournment** – It was moved by R. Ladiski to adjourn, supported by R. Ladiski. Approved. 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk

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