

Duplain Township

Special Meeting

Monday, November 24, 2025
6:00 pm

The special meeting of Duplain Township Board was held on Monday, November 24, 2025, and was called to order by Bruce Levey, supervisor, at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Guests: Charles Smith, Project Manager, Spicer Group; Dr. Mark Holley

Agenda: The agenda was presented for approval with the addition of the Fire Department. It was moved by R. Boots and supported by R. Ladiski to approve the agenda as amended.

Business:

- a. Dam and Fish Passage Update - Charles Smith, Spicer Group, reports that the arsenic testings and results were reviewed with hot spots identified. Hot spot areas are higher than permissible for land top spread. The result is that excavated material will be disposed of on site, with a possible clay lined pit with bentonite; some material will be shipped off site, must be dry and there will be limited amounts to be disposed of off site (land fill) and non-contaminated materials spread on a local field, 80% retained and 20% off site. Moving forward with permitting and balancing expenses. Arsenic management has raised the costs and a second MDNR Fisheries Habitat grant pre-application has been submitted, requesting an additional \$700,000.
- b. Combing property parcels - River/Park - Concerned about EGLE flagging them causing issues with management of the spoils. This action will streamline the process. And it will insure that Duplain Township is owner, and there will be deed

restrictions in place due to arsenic management and containment.

It was moved by A. Bowen and supported by R Ladiski to combine the two parcels and submit for a quick claims deed. Approved.

- c. Request to proceed with securing advance funds from the EGLE grant. It was moved by R. Ladiski to authorize the clerk to request fund advances from the EGLE grant. Supported by R. Boots. Approved
- d. Frontier Permit & Information was discussed and the results of the meeting 11/24/25 with the Frontier engineer were reviewed. Frontier and Spicer collaborated to make necessary amendments to insure that both projects can move forward - the dam removal and high speed fiber installation. Related - trees that are going to be removed and being looked at by a forester and may be sold prior to the dam removal construction.
- e. Fire Department Update - A. Bowen reported that the chief has resigned, and the position has not been filled. The department will be totally relocated by mid-night November 24, 2025.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Adjourn - It was moved by R. Boots to adjourn, supported by R Ladiski. Approved. 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn D Levey
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