

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE OCTOBER 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor, Dave Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.at the Cleon Township Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** Board Members present: Dave Myers-Supervisor, Linda Cudney - Treasurer, Gary Porter-Trustee, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Abraham Canfield-Trustee

**GUESTS and /or VISITORS:** Bill Mathes, Todd Humphrey

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:** Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Sept 8, 2021 Board Meeting minutes: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter, to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

We had land use permits, ARPA funds we received ½ of the total amount put under separate liability line in budget. We also had 1 fire charge, 2 burials and interest. **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Amy Herrst to approve treasurer's report. AIF

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Payment of bills: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the Payment of bills AIF.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**A. TRUSTEES**

**Gary Porter:** Still a potential buyer looking into both markets. Per Paul B. BP is also considering.

**Abe Canfield:** Nothing to report

**B. TREASURER:** Feeding America Food Truck coming Oct 15 @11am. We have 8 volunteers from last time coming again. MTA dinner was a successful turnout with all townships represented except one and all of the county officials as well. The food was very delicious. Jim Mori came and did inspections. He cleaned 1 tube heater that had bugs and debris needs a new chimney cap. Stevens quoted us at \$1.79 locked in rate for the 2021-2022 season for propane. PRE denials came through and Cleon had 7 of them.

**C. CLERK:** I attended the ARPA info meeting put out by MSU extension. See attached for notes.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** CEMETERY UPDATE: lines purged/shutoff, flag poles fixed after being knocked over, Water underground and zoning signs vandalized and reported to police with help from a community member who witnessed. Dave will follow up on this. Water spigots got painted, automatic spigots still need to be located for purchase for next year as well as extension of water towards mausoleum. Linda took veteran flags down, trash totes stored for winter, Dave will remove main flags after Nov 11. Insulation in pump house will be done by Dave as well. Per Abe Gene is doing a great work on the sign thus far. SPRINDALE TWP NEWS: Fire response to Woods Trail to cease unless police are present, playground equipment at Healy Lake has gone up in cost, looking into used equipment. COPEMISH VILLAGE UPDATE: refurbish and clean out of drain system. MCRC UPDATE: finished trimming and grating, Viaduct Rd could have a gravel option at half cost, Abe can no longer be the representative to go to meetings.

**E. ZONING:** Barb not present but Linda stated they had 4 permits last month.

**F: PLANNING:** Meeting was October 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. See attached minutes.

**G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Cleon Township Fire Dept. monthly report: *See attached*

Mark wants to reinstate Dylan Bennett to the roster. **Motion** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to reinstate Dylan Bennett. AIF

Mark asked the board to approve purchase of a used SCBA air compressor/fill station. The price for the unit is worth buying for \$2500. This could save us money in the long run. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to purchase a SCBA air compressor/fill station for \$2500. AIF **Roll Call** 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Board Member Action Plan Items:**

Dave- Received bid from Jamie Milarch Inc. for \$7000.

Mark- Suggests we purchase a 12-port network switch to replace old one. He will buy and install it. **Motion by** Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to have Mark Griner purchase a 12-port network switch and install it. AIF **Roll Call** 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Amy-Did website research and will get bids from companies and students to present at next meeting.

Linda- Contacted USDA and made the qualifying statement.

Gary-

Abe- Resigned his appointment to be the MCRC representative.

**2. Cannabis Regulatory Committee has been appointed with a 7 member committee:**

Bill Mathes is listed as the chairperson for the newly created Cannabis Regulatory Advisory Committee for Village of Copemish, Springdale and Cleon Townships.

The members appointed are: Patricia Millard, Betsy Hale, Aubrey Honeycutt, Matt Hughey, Michelle Tinoco, Mike Longo. **Motion by** Gary Porter, **seconded by** Amy Herrst to except the appointed members of the CRAC. AIF

Timeline is being set to have it on the ballot for May 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Amy will work with Penny exact dates. Next CRAC informal informational meeting township meeting is at Springdale Township Oct 19 at 7pm.

3. Condition of Township hall; Linda looked into the steps to get financing. She made the qualifying statement and found out that interest rate currently with USDA is 2.125% Bids/maps and 2022 budget info is needed next. Mark wants us as a board to fieldtrip to other halls to see what we want. The first will be Stronach at 6pm Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. Also to see possibly Norman, Green Lake and Long Lake as well. What we can accomplish now is to get a survey and maybe get bids to remove timber.
4. Website development is moving forward. Amy will contact companies and students to get bids to create website and maintain. Abe suggested we advertise website with signs and Linda mentioned through the newsletter as well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Manistee Co Rec Plan Special Meeting set for 6:30 on Nov 10. Linda made all board members copies.
2. Planning Commission; Dennis Stacey submitted a letter of resignation. **Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter** to accept the resignation of Dennis Stacey as Chairperson of the planning commission. **AIF** Todd Humphrey is appointed to the Planning Commission. **Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield** to bring on Todd Humphrey as Planning Commission Chairperson. **AIF Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Abe Canfield, to appoint Todd to be the MCRC representative who will report back to the board. Roll Call 5 Ayes 0 Nays.**
3. Dave will get a bid from Jared Milarch for snow plowing the 2021-2022 season.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter P&L's were presented. **Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter** to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials. **AIF**
5. Election commission results

#### **Selection of Precinct Inspectors:**

Presented were: Michelle Tinoco (Democrat), Sheryl Briggs (Republican), Jerika Currie (Democrat)

**Motion by Linda Cudney seconded by Dave Myers** to select the above listed as election inspectors for the November 2, 2021 Presidential Election. **AIF**

Selection of Chair:

**Presented as Chair:** Michelle Tinoco (D) **Motion by Linda Cudney, second by Dave Myers** to elect Michelle Tinoco (D) as Chair for the November 2 2021 Presidential Election. **AIF**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** See attached

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Dave: *Wants to address the trees near building that need to be removed and have firewood made available.* **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to have Mark Griner contract the tree take down and removal. **AIF** Linda: *made office copies of the zoning ordinance and also put it on a zip drive for future access.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by** Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Gary Porter **AIF**  
**TIME: 9:00 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for November 10th, 2021 at 7 PM  
Public Hearing scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30PM for the Manistee Co Parks and Rec Plan review.  
Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

**BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Dave:**

Will follow up with Sherriff about the vandalism.  
Will remove main flags in Cemetery after Nov 11  
Will insulate the cemetery pump house  
Will get a bid for snow plow from Jared Milarch

**Amy:**

Will get bids for website options for the township.  
Work with Penny on timeline frame for ballot language dates.

**Linda:**

Will continue creating a pandemic action plan for our township.

**Gary:**

**Abe:**