

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE MARCH 8, 2023**

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, Mark Griner-Fire Chief

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Evelyn Hawkins

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 8, 2023 Fire budget workshop meeting minutes **by** Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

February 16, 2023 General/Cemetery/Road budget workshop meeting minutes **by** Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

February 16, 2023 Board meeting minutes, with the reversal of items G & H **by** Abe Canfield, **seconded** by Gary Porter to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

TREASURERS REPORT:

General Fund increased with a refund on taxes for \$23.10/ Reimbursement from Stevens Propane for \$313.25/State Revenue Sharing at \$15,917/ 2 land use permits/ Manistee revenue sharing board at \$7,613 for new truck well connection/GL Collection \$52.50/ Interest earned. Total coming in on investments is 4.7%.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Gary Porter to approve treasurer's report. AIF

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to accept Payment of Bills. AIF

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter: Twisted Trails had big Dog Party with a few accidents. Uncle Pete Mallison's Celebration of life is March 11 at 4pm at the Legion Hall.

Abe Canfield:

B. TREASURER: Balanced with the county for taxes and is done for the year! (Great work Linda!!) Insurance was contacted and Mark does not need to be bonded again since he is an employee and current Fire chief. Asset Forfeiture Report has been filed for the year. Our current CD set to expire is with Nicolet Bank and it is the same amount as Honor Bank at 4.25% is offering. We will probably go with Nicolet again for either 9 months or 15 months at 4.25%. Linda will be out of the office March 25th- April 5th.

C. CLERK: I received the mowing bid from Zach Harris at Northscape Services LLC for all 3 cemeteries. It states that each mow would be \$800. He has sent a spring cleanup bid for \$1220. I will reach out and ask for references. I will be planning on attending the MTA conference on April 19th. Amy will not be in the office Wed March 29th due to spring break.

D. SUPERVISOR: BOR meetings are underway. According to Bill, land assessments saw an increase of 26.5% this last year.

E. ZONING: 2 land use permits

F: PLANNING: *No meeting due to an emergency cancelation.* Next meeting set for April 5th, 2023

G: MRCM: Todd did not get appointed as commissioner. Same story...blading with better tougher blades, cutting trees, patching potholes, spring brining good to go but won't start until May and can only be done 3 times per year. They got a new truck back on the road. Frost laws off end of April. So far, no tickets for weight restrictions given.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached Fire report.* Bob Carpenter will be sending a bill for the help provided on 2/21 Structure fire on Marilla Rd. 1st batch of revenue sharing was completed and delivered. FD received the new sets of PPE and Mark is assessing the older units.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
- 2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** No new updates.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** Jennifer Wahr spoke with Linda about not understanding what contingency means. She then needed Capitol Improvements for 10-15 years totaling \$347,000. The status of the application is waiting in line with state, delay is due to the environmental review. RD approval can be paid by the township to help. Bottle neck is due to staffing issues. Last response was March 6th. Linda will ask bond council about some other possible scenarios if we didn't move forward with USDA. Mark is working with Bob Carpenter to get a pit less adaptor for the truck well, which we received CO Revenue Sharing to cover. Mark would also like to propose a slight change to the blueprints to incorporate a swap of the chief office and locker rooms so that an outdoor BBQ/patio can be placed. What can we do as of now to get started??
- 4. Vacating Imhoff Dr:** Mark will send a letter to the Village Copemish Board stating we would like to see the funds incorporated into next years budget to fully repair Imhoff Dr. since they declined to let us take it over and pay for it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Adoption of the FY 2023-2024 budget and Resolution #0302023**
2. **Adoption of Salary Resolutions for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer**
3. **Meeting Dates for Township Board and Planning Commission established.**
4. **Adoption of resolution to utilize financial institutions and invest public funds. #2023-03-08**
5. **Budget Adjustments Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to allow Clerk Herrst to make budget adjustments by current fiscal year end. **Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Evelyn wants to know the status of Twisted Trails' new special use permits. Todd said they signed the current one but the campground one is not yet finalized.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield AIF
TIME: 8:14 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for April 5th, 2023 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave:

Amy: Will follow up with the cemetery mowing bid and ask for references.

Linda: Will complete the reinvesting of the FIRE CD that is about to mature.
Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan with the help of the bond council by sending the questions we created during the meeting about our alternate options.