

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE JULY 12, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor, Dave Myers called the meeting to order at 7:01 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:** Marv Prepejchal, Bill and Kathy Rollenhagen, Julie Stec, Brian, and Becky McCoy

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brian and Becky McCoy: Asked for any consideration of dismissing fire charges due to disabled/veteran situation. Board will continue discussion when fire dept presence is at next meeting and give them a decision by mail.

**Marv Prepejchal:** Bringing to the board's attention the condition of Valencourt Rd also defined as a "Natural Beauty Road" Road commission removed trees and left overs are unsightly. Also asking how new property owners know of the Natural Beauty Road regulations? Dave will follow up with Todd and we will research more signage, etc.

**Julie Stec:** The new General Manager for Manistee Dial a Ride. Introducing herself and reminding the township of the services available. More info can be found at: [www.manisteecountytransportationinc.com](http://www.manisteecountytransportationinc.com).

**Bill and Kathy Rollenhagen:** Want to bring to attention the dip on Faylor curve as it turns into Harlan Rd. There is a sink hole that needs to be repaired again.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve the Consent Agenda. AIF

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 14, 2023 Board meeting minutes

July 5, 2023 Special meeting minutes

**TREASURERS REPORT:** *See attached*, also add that the CD's were all renewed at 5% with Nicolet/State Revenue Sharing/ AA paid 6 months of hall rental/Metro Money into Road fund.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

## **A. TRUSTEES**

**Gary Porter:**

**Abe Canfield:**

**B. TREASURER:** Contacted Fred and returned the agent authorization. He shared the proposed documents for the contract site plans and bids, those were sent on to USDA. Active Shooter Training is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at Cleon Hall, open to the public.

**C. CLERK:** Fire invoice questions will be addressed at next meeting when a fire dept representative is available. In the Cemetery on the North Side a dead tree branch is hanging from the pines and needs to be removed.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** Flag pole light, new in cemetery needs to be raised higher to make it brighter. Dave will work on that with a ladder, as well as look at removing the dead limbs on the north side. Rockford maps were contacted and a 4 x 4 wall map was ordered with a combo ariel view and plat. This was donated to the township by the Dave Myers. Legion Fish Fry on July 14.

**E. ZONING:** New permits for land use/addresses. Junk issue on Read Rd is actively being worked on. There is a scheduled meeting on Fri with Barb for a walk-through consultation. Health Dept has been contacted through Dave but Barb will follow up.

**F: PLANNING:** No meeting in July. A gravel pit on Nessen City Rd is wanting to reopen and they will be coming to planning with is at the Aug meeting.

**G: MRCM:**

**H: FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *See Attached Report*

**Motion by Abe Canfield, seconded by Amy Herrst to accept B&Z proposal for the well drilling that is happening for the new building and existing tank. Total cost is \$11, 256.06 after grant deposit of \$4900 the remaining total is \$ 6356.06.**

**Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed.

Response back from our attorney about the resolution for Wolverine Power right of way is all set and ready to be signed. Amy and Dave will sign the contract and resolution. **Adoption Resolution #071212023 passed.**

**2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** No new updates, still awaiting from attorney.

**3. Township Hall Plans:** Co Planning will assign a new address to the new building after the village ZA signs off on the paperwork.

After special meeting timeline is as follows:

**July 10:** Bids went out to 3 contractors

**July 20:** Site walk through with architect, no board needed

**July 31:** Special meeting to open bids at 6:30 PM

**Aug 9:** Board Meeting will address the accepted bid

**4. Township Park Project:** The request for seed money from Minger Fund was denied.

Dave is still going to pursue getting some architectural landscaping drawings to present to EGLE.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **First Quarter Financials FY 2023-2024: Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter** to have board review the financials and return next meeting with any corrections. AIF

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*See Attached*

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Linda did contact Paul Olson our insurance carrier and was told that it would be better if the contractors had the risk insurance vs the township due to high cost.

Abe would like to be excused from the Aug 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting to go to the NWMI fair with his family.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield AIF

**TIME: 7:55 PM**

Special Meeting scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

**BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Dave:** Will speak with Todd and Mark Shouldan about the sink hole dip in Faylor/Harlan Rd at curve and the

Will follow up with property owners about the issue on Valencourt Rd and trees down. Possibly adding more signage as well.

Will raise the flagpole light at the cemetery as well as remove the dead pine limb on the northside.

Will continue to work on the township park project, getting drawings made up.

**Amy:** Will certify and mail the Wolverine Power contract and resolution.

Will post the special meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>

Will do some research on "Natural Beauty Roads"

**Linda:** Will continue to be the liaison between USDA and architect for the new Fire Station/ Township offices.