

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE DECEMBER 14, 2022**

**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:** Evelyn Hawkins and Bob Edginton

**SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:** Amend Agenda: BOR appointments under new business.

**Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 9th, 2022 board meeting minutes **by** Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield, to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

We received interest on investments \$668 to general fund and \$358 to fire fund. We had 2 service calls paid in full. Honor Bank gave us a higher interest rate for CO ARPA acct at 1.74% and 3.45% for Road CD renewed for 17 months.

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

**Abe Canfield:**

**B. TREASURER:** Final estimates are sent to Tokyo Marine for the cemetery damage. A deductible will come off then a check will be sent out. SMARTrails has adopted a new logo and name going forward as SMART, Scenic Manistee Area Recreation Trails. This fits into their strategic plan. They have sent out a newsletter *that is attached* explaining all the new and exciting things to come. USDA needs and environmental assessment now.

RESCOM gave a bid of \$2,000. Linda is still awaiting a response from Westshore Consulting for a bid.

**Motion by Amy Herrst, seconded by Gary Porter to not exceed \$2,000 for the environmental assessment. Roll Call: All Aye's No Nay's**

**C. CLERK:** We received the contractual services agreement between Manistee and Cleon Township for tax rolls and SET collection. Dave will need to sign and I will send back to the county. After the first of the year, it will be paid. Kulwiak's paid their fire service call charge of \$500.00 that had been sent to collections. She had asked to possibly dispute but I told her to come to a board meeting for that no attendance at this meeting.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** BOR meeting last night went well. There is a new flag pole at the Brethren Cemetery, thanks to Mark for his helpful guidance in the matter. I attended a group township meeting at Maple Grove Community Center to meet with State Rep John Roth. About 6 or 7 townships were represented. Topics discussed were: Road Funding, M115 speed limit in Village of Copemish, broadband funding in our area and the dam situation with Consumers Energy to name a few.

**E. ZONING:** A land use permit for Twisted Trails was issued for the pole building with and added lean to.

**F: PLANNING:** See PC minutes attached

**G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Revenue Sharing Grant awarded Cleon \$7613.00. It will help pay to run a pipeline for the water fill to the new station. Next cycle will be 1<sup>st</sup> week in March we will go for public safety money but also look into the other category as well to help with the Imhoff Dr situation. This Friday is the Fire dept annual meeting dinner at the Nessen City School House. Snowmobile contract details to come soon. Mark was reelected President of the Manistee County Fire Fighters Association. Fire recruitment materials were sent out and will be displayed in the community. Fire Department will make a special delivery of Santa to the school on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am. Mark attended the village meeting and presented the idea of them vacating Imhoff Dr. There seemed little to no opposition. They will put it on the agenda for next month to be discussed. Our attorney will get them a timeline and correlate what needs to be done. Dave will assist with the communication of the attorneys. If we could get Bill Humphrey to connect the FD computer to the copier it would save from buying new printer.

**H: MRCM:** Tree work being done with lack of snow; boom arm being utilized to improve line of sight at intersections. Gravel haul movement is being readied for spring. 2 trucks are being serviced. Roundabout lights coming asap. New mechanic, 2 full time and 3 seasonals hired in. Jim Russel officially retired from the board leaving open a spot. 5 candidates in the running. Chassis bids went out that should be repaired by March. The MCRC attorney is stepping down and they are actively looking for new representation.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

2. **Cannabis Ordinance Review:** No new updates. Planning commission is still awaiting the final draft of ordinances from lawyers. Then will go to county planning.
3. **Township Hall Plans:** We are still waiting on USDA to finalize the loan process. Josh Shields gave us options to look at for tree harvesting. Dave has initiated contacting some locals from the list. We did get one response back thus far from a John Brines in Manistee.
4. **DTE:** No response from DTE as of yet. Ordinance was posted in the paper per requirements.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution for Poverty Property Tax Exemption, 2023.**  
**Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to adopt Cleon Township Resolution for Poverty Exemption the with **Ordinance No: 2022-12-14. Roll Call: All Aye's No Nay's**
2. **BOR appointments:** All 4 of the current appointed BOR members Michelle Tinoco, Jerika Currie, Linda and Dennis Easton will serve another 2-year term.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Dave would like to open up the floor to any feedback of the board performance. Mark spoke highly of the board and how it has been run. He believes the future is very bright. Dave noted he may have to go on a medical leave in the near future for a type of neck surgery. He will look into a deputy if needed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by** Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Gary Porter AIF  
**TIME: 8:27 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for January 12th, 2023 at 7 PM  
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

#### **BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Dave:** Will sign the county tax roll and SET contracts.  
Will facilitate the correspondence from the attorney and the Village about Imhoff Dr.

**Amy:** Will sign resolution for Poverty Exemption and post in needed areas.  
Will send back the county tax roll and SET contracts to the county.

**Linda:** Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan.  
Will facilitate Bill Humphrey's pick up of old shredder and also connecting the FD printer to the copier.

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