

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE APRIL 12, 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

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Colleen Mysliwicz, Denise Mysliwicz, Michael Ames, Robert Edginton, Jan Myers

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Colleen Mysliwicz: Explained her situation with the fire at her residence. She had many questions as to how the fire call was handled pertaining to the response time, firefighters present, handling of personal property and to dispute the charges. The house and the contents were a total loss and was uninsured. *The board will investigate the details with the fire department.*

Bob Edginton: Wanted an update on the status of the cannabis ordinance with the planning commission as well as an update with Twisted Trails Park and the new pole building and campground as pertaining to their special use permits. *The board had no news to report to him at this time.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 8, 2023 Board meeting minutes by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT:

It was a busy month. We received tax monies, LCSA payments, the township reimbursed fire with the ARPA funds to cover their half of the professional fees for the new building, and interest. We received back the Springdale fire contract and fee this will reflect on the April report. Also renewed the Fire and General CDs with Nicolet Bank at 3.85% for 6 months.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **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: Feeding America Food Truck Fri May 19 11am, Clean-up Day June 3rd 8-12pm; Republic signed on for 4 roll offs, Ken Grusse will allow use of his property for exchange of the scrap brought in, Geocycle will take tires, and Dave will ask Steve Milarch to use his backhoe. MTA meeting set for April 26 in Marilla; MTA dinner set for May 24 at Norman township. Audit will take place June 26-28th with H&S Company and Corinna. Linda will contact Sheriff and get a flyer about setting up “Active Shooter” training-2hr class no cost to the township. Evening meeting possibly open to the public with RSVP. Ordered cemetery flags for Memorial Day. Snow Birds are starting new group called Dirt Birds to research opportunities to ORV trails in Manistee County. DNR is working with the group as well.

C. CLERK: I received a call from Linda Myers who is asking to promote her local fresh cut flowers/fruit stand with a sign advertising near the cemetery entrance. If it’s put at the right of way, it would be no problem to the board. Amy will confirm that with her. A reference check was done for Zach Harris of Northscape mowing. He had great references from Springville Twp in Mesick. We will await a bid from Milarch before we decide. We need to adjust the cemetery fee schedule to increase to \$600 per burial and \$250 per inurnment. Winter months would be \$1200 and \$500. Motion to increase the fee as stated. **Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter to approve cemetery fee change. Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0.**

D. SUPERVISOR: Consumers Energy Grant-Village is pursuing for the park. They have plans to expand bathrooms with water and maybe add a splash pad as well as a historical monument. Plat books and maps are out. Dave will look into the map and how the township can get a topographical one.

E. ZONING: Very busy fielding phone calls about land divisions and junk complaints. Will be notifying of clean-up day in village May 6th and Township June 3rd.

F: PLANNING: *See minutes attached.*

G: MRCM: *See minutes attached.*

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *No report due to a fire call during the meeting.*

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, still awaiting from attorney.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** Very close...waiting on PARF report from architect. Linda spoke with Fred and gave him the financing amounts needed. Linda will also do a write-up to explain the 5-10 projected budget items in question.
- 4. Vacating Imhoff Dr:** The Village voted again to keep ownership of Imhoff Dr. They received quotes from Elmer’s and Ron Brown and decided to go with Elmer’s for \$30,000 to resurface Imhoff Dr.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request from American Legion for an easement;** this has now evolved into possible talks of a park with the property for sale. Village and the Township may work together somehow on this. Legion is fully onboard with this direction. Dave will keep us updated on the research.
2. **Options to improve Viaduct Rd;** Mark Sohlden sent an estimate of charges to fix Viaduct Rd. Dave will arrange a meeting with Mark Sohlden and Todd Humphrey to get more exact information on sight of what needs to be done.
3. **Cemetery Garbage;** We will no longer pay for garbage pick-up at the cemetery. We will purchase some contractor garbage bags and Amy will check the trash weekly on Wednesdays and bring to the township when needed.
Motion made by Gary Porter 2nd by Abe Canfield to allow Amy to oversee trash pick-up and to no longer use GFL. AIF
4. **Clean-Up Day 2023-** We need volunteers to assist; Amy and Chris will be gone on vacation. Linda, Dave, Gary, Abe, and Barb will be there as well as family members to help.
5. **Township Audit; Motion made by Amy Herrst 2nd by Abe Canfield** to allow Corinna with H&S Companies to conduct the 2023 audit June 26-28th. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Dave will be gone next week on vacation; Amy and Linda will attend the MTA Annual Conference in TC on Wed April 19.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield AIF
TIME: 8:39 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 10th, 2023 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will contact Steve Milarch about using the backhoe for Clean-up Day.
Will contact Jared Milarch about a bid for cemetery mowing.
Will investigate a map with the topographical plat information.
Will arrange a meeting with Mark Sohlden and Todd Humphrey about Viaduct Rd.
Will keep updating us on the parcel of land held by the Legion as a potential park project.

Amy: Will follow up with Lisa Myers about posting a sign at the cemetery with Blossom Valley Fruits and Flowers.
Will set out garbage bags at the cemetery.

Linda: Will set up/advertise for the Active Shooter Training class with the Sheriff.
Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan.

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