

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE SEPTEMBER 13, 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:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 9, 2023 Board meeting minutes

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter:

Abe Canfield:

B. TREASURER: Very BUSY with taxes with the due date being this Fri Sept 14th. MTA's next meeting is Sept 27th at Springdale. County Summit is Sept 21.

C. CLERK: I request the board to dismiss Phil Sedelmeier's charge due to the validity of the accident. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Gary Porter to dismiss the charge. ORV maps can be printed at the county and I will also make copies for the fire dept and for the township hall. We have received and will sign the mutual aid agreement between the county Fire and Cleon township. *See attached.*

D. SUPERVISOR: Dave will be on vacation Sept 29-Oct7. Dave has offered to buy a 36x36 color ORV map for the township.

E. ZONING: A couple new permits for land use and addresses. Read Rd. was visited today 9/13/23 and they are actively working on clearing the junk situation. Campers need to be moved per Barbs request. They have attempted to clean the trash but now need to

work on clearing out the vehicles and other blight. This is a slow process but they are cooperating and being considerate to requests.

F: PLANNING: Special Use permit was issued for the gravel pit. Lawyers revised the marijuana ordinance and needs to be updated and sent back for final sign off. Next meeting October 4, 2023.

G: MRCM: see attached correspondence from Mark Sohlden on local work being done.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: See Attached Report. The 4 Corners Fire documents have been requested by Cherryland's lawyers via FOIA and completed. Mark is still under medical restriction for a few more weeks. He will notify us in writing when he can be taken off medical restrictions. Benzie Central Schools has requested information on a Knox Box. Mark will let us know how that will be handled moving forward. We did miss the Cycle II deadline of Revenue Sharing but it was a very low award amount this time around. We will plan to work on Cycle I for next year as the new building nears completion. Next years budget will need to consider an updated cost recovery ordinance as well as a possible UTV or Gator for the fire department. Copemish Days was a great success and many thanks to the Manistee Co Sheriff Department for their added security help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed except for the a follow-up on Valencourt Rd situation.
- 2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** Received attorney's revisions and will be looked over at next meeting.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** The trees are being cleared to prepare for a soon to be groundbreaking once we get the ok from the USDA. We would like to have some sort of ceremony with media present. The bid and contractor info has been submitted to the federal office for review. We received our new address for the building it is 16632 Imhoff Dr. Copemish, MI 49625. We also received the sewage system permit needed. Mark would like to ask for a larger water pump cost analysis for future with water well. Also, he would like to see a bronze plaque for the building dedication.
- 4. Township Park Project:** Met with EGLE for site inspection and to visit the proposed area. They took soil samples and explained the wetlands and some uses that may happen. Next step is to proceed with a \$500 permit for possible development. Several state and federal agencies may need to be involved. A possible boardwalk to navigate the wetlands was proposed by EGLE.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion to adopt the Bond Authorizing Resolution (Resolution no. 09132023) for the Township Fire Hall and Township Hall unlimited tax general obligation bonds. Motion by Linda Cudney seconded by Gary Porter to make the resolution. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Resolution #09132023**

2. **L-4029** Per the Bond counsel we have adopted the Fire hall/Township offices milage to be set at 0.1000 as well as the full amount for the operating millages as well. The certificate has been signed by the supervisor and sent to the county to the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

The Assessor has received a substantially compliant assessment roll and practices audit from the State of Michigan.

We received a letter from Larry Wallace with concerns about his property and its proximity to Twisted Trails. The letter will be forwarded to the planning commission and addressed at the next meeting on Oct 4, 2023

Feeding America Food Truck will be in Copemish on Sept 15 2023.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Linda wanted to note Mike Szokola from County planning will be leaving his position as county planner. Mark wanted an update about the Colleen Mysliwec letter and the attorney response. We are awaiting the response from the attorney, who will then send to Ms. Mysliwec.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Amy Herrst AIF

TIME: 8:08 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for October 11th, 2023 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will follow up with property owners about the issue on Valencourt Rd and trees down. Possibly adding more signage as well.
Will order an ORV map for the township

Amy: Will print ORV map copies for the fire dept and township
Will complete the L-4029 and send to the county
Will sign and complete the Bond Resolution and send to the Bond Counsel.

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