

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE AUGUST 11, 2021**

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: Bill Mathes, Pat Milliron, Mark Griner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 14th, 2021 Board Meeting minutes: **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield, to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT:

We made payments out to insurance from all funds for the year.

Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve treasurer's report. AIF

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Payment of bills: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to accept the Payment of bills AIF.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter: No word yet on the Copemish Market. FB interest but they need employees. Drug bust on Russo Dr. Barricades added to keep Russo Dr. separate from parking lot.

Abe Canfield: Could not attend MCRC meeting. Dave will step up to be the alternate if problems arise again.

Bill Mathes spoke again about moving forward help the township start the process of adopting marijuana ordinances. There will be an informative special meeting on Sept 7th at 630 pm to further educate on the subject and to possibly create a marijuana advisory committee of 3-7 people from the township board, planning commission, and community residents.

B. TREASURER: ARPA update. The paperwork has been filed and we are pending approval of the audit currently. SMART Trails had a meeting with a guest speaker from the Friends of BV Trail Committee. Also, MCCF and Laura H. will step forward as the fiduciary for those projects. MTA meet and will be holding their annual dinner in Sept. Details to follow.

C. CLERK: Linda and I will both be on vacation Aug 27th-Sept 6th The deputies will do payroll for the township and I will do the fire dept and tax/liabilities when I return on Sept 7th. District 10 Health Dept will be doing follow up of vaccinations from Copemish Days that week in our township parking lot. I verified the roster of the fire department.

D. SUPERVISOR: We had July BOR meeting it was short with 3 properties. 2 principal resident exemptions and 1 poverty exemption. Next BOR is in Dec. I will be attending the next SMART trails and switching to VP to relieve Elaine.

E. ZONING: Not Present

F: PLANNING: Linda will make copies and send in ordinances to County Planning. See attached minutes. Next meeting October 6th 2021.

G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Cleon Township Fire Dept. monthly report: *See attached*

E-1 truck sent into get work done. It will be less than \$2000. MMR issues with Manistee Co. Possible look into privatized EMS. Christina Casey's probation period is up and **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to make her a permanent volunteer fire fighter. AIF

Linda contacted USDA about the building loan see attached info for next steps. Mark presented a quick layout of plans potentially for a new Fire Hall. Roughly estimated \$500K project. Special meeting about more details set for Sept 8th at 630PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board Member Action Plan Items:

Dave-in progress

Amy-Will send thank you initial thank you to Gene as he completed one of the signs. Hall improvement research in progress.

Linda-Contacted USDA see above notes. Continuing to create a pandemic plan. Hall improvement research in progress.

Gary-Continuing research on the Marijuana Ordinances and working with Bill Mathes and his network for help.

Abe- Will attend the next MCRC meeting on Sept 8th, 2021. Continuing research on the Marijuana Ordinances and working with Bill Mathes.

2. Cemetery update: complete except for the correct spigots need to be purchased still.
3. Gary and Abe are working on a plan to present to the board about the Marijuana Ordinances. There will be a special meeting on Sept 7th at 6:30 to further discussion.
4. Township hall condition update: Move forward with long term plan ideas Mark will present more at special meeting on Sept 8th at 6:30 pm. **Motion by** Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Abe Canfield for Dave and Mark to move forward with the short-term work needed as soon as possible. AIF **Roll Call** 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

5. Township blessing given to Twisted Trails to move forward with a public organic drop site.
6. Cemetery Ordinances and specifically foundation laying and private burying. Tabled for further discussion.
7. Manistee Co Summit set for Sept 16 8am. All of the board is asked to join this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy for ARPA. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to adopt Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. AIF **Roll Call Vote** 5 Ayes 0 Nays.
2. 1st Quarter P&L Statements. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to approve 1st Quarter P&L Statements. AIF.

CORRESPONDENCE: See attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Abe: *Thoughts on Bills proposal and moving forward.* We are hearing from most it is favorable especially financially. Dave: *Should it be a public vote?* Board agrees it should be open to the public and transparent in all aspects. Amy: *Could we work with Springdale and the Village to create a combined group of advisors for the board?* We should invite as many as we can to be there. Amy: *Just a shout out the Copemish Heritage Days and a great successful turn out. Thanks to all!*

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded by** Amy Herrst AIF
TIME: 8:57 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for September 8th, 2021 at 7 PM
Fire and Township Hall Future Plans Special Meeting Sept 8th, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Marijuana Ordinance Special Meeting Sept 7th, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave:

Continue work with Mark on a plan for the state of the building and immediate repairs.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Amy:

Send Gene Issacson a "Thank You" note for cemetery sign that was finished so far.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Linda:

Will continue creating a pandemic action plan for our township.

Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Gary:

Continue researching marijuana ordnances and contact with Bill Mathes and his team.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Abe:

Attend the next Manistee Co Rd Commission meeting Sept 8th, 2021.
Continue researching marijuana ordnances and contact with Bill Mathes and his team.

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