

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE JANUARY 8, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Clerk, Amy Herrst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Cleon Township Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** Board Members present: Amy Herrst-Clerk, Linda Cudney -Treasurer, Todd Humphrey-Trustee, Abe Canfield-Trustee Absent: Joe Carpenter-Supervisor

**GUESTS and /or VISITORS:**

Fred Campbell-JML, Ruth Griner, Mark Griner, Dave Myers, Jan Myers, Evelyn Hawkins.

**Fred Campbell-JML:** Progress is regressing a bit due to a few new complications. USDA had a switch over with staffing and this has brought to light a request for prevailing wage breakdown for the current draw requests. This next request does not contain any wage related items. We need to ask for a time extension as a change order as well. Consumers has once again not communicated with the appropriate people. This caused them to flag the electrical wrong and not on our property or easements. This will need to redone and could take another week or so. Fred has conveyed to them that this needs to be done in timely matter. Mechanical inspector also needs signed and sealed drawings. USDA architect is needed to come in ASAP to sign off or generate a list of needs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:** *Add Revised Recycle Agreement under New Business.*  
Motion by Linda Cudney, supported by Abe Canfield to set the agenda. AIF

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Dec 1, 2024 Board meeting minutes

**TREASURERS REPORT:** *See attached*

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:** *See attached for Bills*

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**A. TRUSTEES**

**Todd Humphrey:** Nothing to report

**Abe Canfield:** Nothing to report

**B. TREASURER:** We renewed 6 CD's. Interest within the year on those totaled \$3138.02. Fire (3 months Nicolet) General (1 year Nicolet) Road (11 months Honor & 1 year Nicolet) and Cemetery (3 months and 1 year Nicolet). \$500 perpetual care CD should be switched to savings to get a 4% int rate. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve switching CD to savings at Honor Bank. AIF  
Feed America Food Truck is scheduled for Jan 17<sup>th</sup> in Copemish. Linda will be gone Jan 14-31<sup>st</sup>.

**C. CLERK:** IT bids are in and we received them from Inacomp, Insight Digital and Anavon. My recommendation based on price and knowledge from the representatives Anavon would be the best to go with at the cost of \$1417.05 initial cost and \$98.75 monthly reoccurring. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to approve switching IT contracts to Anavon. **Roll Call: All Ayes**

As for the new VOIP phones GTMC has given us a quote that connects with the setup that is already in the process for the video and remote system. I recommend we go with them at the cost of \$3980.75 which will be offset by the remaining grant money of roughly \$1900. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded** by Amy Herrst to approve quote from GTMC for the new phone system hookup. **Roll Call: All Ayes**

**D. SUPERVISOR:** Absent

**E. ZONING:** Nothing to report

**F: PLANNING:** Next meeting set for Feb 5 2025

**G: MRCM:** Full staff now but 3 trucks broke down over the last snow storm. Todd called to question the lack of trucks in our area and they made up for it over the weekend once trucks were back on board. The MCRC doors in the truck bays failed and new ones were needed at cost of \$23,000. MDOT Assessment came out for the next three year. *See attached.*

**H: FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *See attached report*

Pat Parker with MABAS group is working on setting up for our area. Benzie County is set-up to participate and Mark needs our board support to help create a team for Manistee County public safety. Springdale Fire contract will need to be evaluated and refigured for the next term. The board suggests a 3-year term at \$30,000. Mark will propose that at their next meeting. Mark meets with Acentek on the 9<sup>th</sup> to go over the fiber install in the new building. Mark will be gone Feb 11-18<sup>th</sup>. Amy suggests we push the fire policy meeting to March.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
- 2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** Planning received the final draft and will make one edit then public hearing will be set. Next Meeting Feb 5, 2025.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** *See above comments from Fred.*  
**Options for old Township Hall building:** We are still working with Brad on a plan to move forward. Linda will set a meeting with him.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of payment for new hall project:** none currently.
2. **Poverty Exemption Notice: Resolution # 01082025, Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey for the Poverty Exemption. **Roll Call Vote:** 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Resolution passed.
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials: Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials and amendments to take place at next meeting.
4. **County Contractual Service Agreement & SET Summer Collection: TABLED**
5. **Budget Workshops:** Budget meetings set for: **Feb 24<sup>th</sup> General/Cemetery/Road Funds & March 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire/Bond Funds 6:00PM**
6. **Appointment of Planning Commission Chair:** Joe has put in writing that he would like to recommend to the board the appointment of Jeff Stanton as the Planning Commission Chair. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the supervisor's recommendation for Planning Commission Chair. AIF
7. **Recycling Program Agreement Revision:** The Supervisor will sign the revised agreement. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey to accept the new revised agreement. AIF

**CORRESPONDENCE:** *See Attached*

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** **Todd:** Brad with the MCRC has been working with Trout Unlimited to almost fully fund the bridge replacement for Lefew bridge in the fall or next spring.

**Todd:** The Copemish school has been vandalized several times. Todd repaired and has installed a camera since he is the caretaker of the building. He will also report the suspicious activity to the local police.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **Township Park Project:** Dave is awaiting a letter, to be sent to the township, from the Revenue Sharing on determination. If denied he will move forward with his own personal funds to get the next step done.

**Mark Griner:** Would like the board to make a motion to lock the new building starting ASAP. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to have Mark confirm with Jamie that the new building is getting locked and a spare key will be given to the office for necessary entry.

**Evelyn Hawkins:** Any word on the permits for the possible new owners of Twisted Trails property?

**Mark Griner:** How about the LIONS!!

**Jan Myers: Village Update-** Shannon is no longer in control and Mike Longo has taken office. He is focused on blight and bringing Copemish back to its glory days. Also, Misty O'Shea as clerk and Tony as village maintenance are blessings to the community!

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Abe Canfield, supported by Todd Humphrey AIF  
TIME: 8:34 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025 at 7 PM  
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

**BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Amy:** Will schedule the fire policy meeting for some time in March.

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

Will schedule a meeting with Brad Kluczynski for an asset management evaluation.

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