

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE AUGUST 9, 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, Absent-excused: Abraham Canfield-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Fred Campbell, Todd Humphrey, Evelyn Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Linda Cudney 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:

July 12, 2023 Board meeting minutes

July 31, 2023 Special meeting minutes

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter:

Abe Canfield:

B. TREASURER: Stabilization Authority METRO ACT monies were overpaid by \$16.52 they will correct the differences in next year's payment to us. BS&A is moving to cloud based only. Thank you to the township board for letting the Copemish Heritage Days 5K take place at the hall.

C. CLERK: Need a list of names of who would like to attend the County Summit on Sept 21st: Linda, Amy, Dave, Todd, and Terri. Presented the drop box options we need to get for proposal 2022-2. Amy will apply for the designated box with boards consent. Miquela Carver will be sent a copy of our cost recovery ordinance and if they still refuse to pay a **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to dismiss the charge. **Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays**

Mandy Steven and Ethel McGuire have outstanding charges of \$150 each, I ask the board to dismiss based on amount invoiced. **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to dismiss the charge. **Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays**

Bruce and Brian McCoy case to be dismissed after appealing to the board in June. Our fire chief would like them to acknowledge that if DNR had come to the illegal burn it would have been a much heftier ticket than what we charged. **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to dismiss the charge. **Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays**

D. SUPERVISOR: Flag pole light, new in cemetery has been raised higher to make it brighter. Dave will work on removing the dead limbs on the north cemetery left front side corner. Rockford maps were contacted and a 4 x 4 wall map was ordered with a combo ariel view and plat. This is still in the shipping stage. This was donated to the township by the Dave Myers.

E. ZONING: 1 new permit for land use. We are waiting to hear an update of the Read Rd. situation.

F: PLANNING: Special hearing is set for Aug 16th to address the gravel pit reopening. They want to start by making 550,000 tons of gravel. The lawyer has not performed as we would like for the ordinance review of marijuana ordinance. Hoping to get this settled by next meeting. Twisted Trails has still not signed the agreement and is in breach of losing all special use permits. Bill Rollenhagen was concerned about the speed of ORV'S on our local rds. It should be 25mph. Todd suggests to the board we remind in the tax newsletter of the speed limit in the ordinance.

G: MRCM: Fixing roads, trimming grass, etc. Advertising that they are looking for an engineer. Soon to come will be the advertisement to fill Mark Sohldan's job as he retires. Also looking to buy a new boom truck and they have \$100,000 allocated so far.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: See Attached Report. The 4 Corners Fire documents have been requested by Cherryland's lawyers via FOIA. A few new applicants may be coming through for fire volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed except for the tree trim in the cemetery and a follow-up on Valencourt Rd situation.
- 2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** No new updates, still awaiting from attorney.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** 2 of the 3 bids were opened on July 31st. Cole Construction came in at \$1,368,581.00 and Milarch Inc. came in at \$1,227,000.00. Huey Construction was unable to bid in the needed timeframe. Start date is set for Aug 28, 2023, masonry needs to start on September 18, 2023, project completion May 24, 2024. Draws-Contractors will invoice the architect on the 25th of each month. He will then inspect and give waiver of lien to pay amount done. Checks will be approved by the board and monthly meetings. Then given to the contractor. 10% retention. Mark Griner would like board to know he recommends we go with Milarch's bid. Fred Campbell as the architect recommends, we also go with Milarch Inc.'s bid.

Motion by Amy Herrst **seconded** by Linda Cudney to accept the bid from Milarch inc. **Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays**

4. **McCoy Fire invoice-** addressed under clerk
5. **1st Quarter financials FY 2023-2024 follow-up: no corrections needed. Motion** by Linda Cudney **seconded** by Gary Porter to accept 1st Quarter financials FY 2023-2024.
6. **Township Park Project:** Meeting set for Sept 8th at 10am with EGLE for site inspection and to visit the proposed area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution for Conditional Award for Construction Contract: Motion** by Amy Herrst **seconded** by Linda Cudney to accept the bid from Milarch inc. **Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Resolution #08092023**

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Linda wanted to note that a meeting with DNR, Engineers, township, village and Rob Carson took place to plan the staging area for new trail head of the as an extension of the Betsie Valley Trail. It will be located across from the village park and next to CBS Solar on the railroad line. Slated for construction spring 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Evelyn wanted to be updated on Twisted Trails signing the permit. See above comments under planning.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter **AIF**
TIME: 8:50 PM

Special Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for August 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Next Board Meeting scheduled for September 13th, 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 remove the dead pine limb on the north side cemetery front left corner.

Will continue to work on the township park project, getting drawings made up.

Amy: Will send a letter to the McCoy's about the dismissal of the fire charge.

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

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