

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE MAY 10, 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: Earl Whitkop, Evelyn Hawkins, Cole Blades, Amanda & Nick Brown, Christopher Morgan

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cole Blades-Nicolet Bank: Introduced himself and spoke about general options in accordance to the new fire hall project. We set a meeting with him on Tuesday May 23, 2023 to go over further.

Amanda & Nick Brown: Dispute of fire call inv # 23-00541, Carbon Monoxide inspection.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Gary Porter to dismiss the fire call inv #23-0541. AIF

Christopher Morgan: Came to present his application for the fire department. Pending a background check Fire Chief, Griner would like the board to support hiring him on a 90-day probation period in which time he will need to pass Firefighter I and II.

Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to approve hiring Christopher Morgan pending background status for a 90-day probation period. AIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 12, 2023 Board meeting minutes **by** Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to accept Payment of Bills. AIF

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter:

Abe Canfield:

B. TREASURER: Received plat books and plat map from MI State Extension. Check into fire dept copies. Active Shooter training with the Manistee Sheriff is being planned potential date may be June 29th at 630 PM.

C. CLERK: Cemetery electric charge went up \$10 monthly. Will check into any kind of partial hook-up, May-Sept 30.

D. SUPERVISOR: Actively getting quote on a topographic map. Mark may be able to print one for us.

E. ZONING: 1 land use and a few new addresses.

F: PLANNING: Meeting for May 3 cancelled. Next meeting June 7

G: MRCM:

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: See attached report

1. Fire Chief, Griner recommends to the board we dismiss the fire call for Mysliwicz inv # 23-00649. **Motion made by Amy Herrst 2nd by Abe Canfield** to dismiss fire call inv 3 23-00649 and the charges of \$3500 plus any future charges. AIF
2. Can we investigate paying Isaac Pfister for Maintenance Officer work, he is 17.
3. Clerk, Herrst recommends to the board we dismiss the fire call for Jeremy Ford inv #23-00119. **Motion made by Gary Porter 2nd by Abe Canfield** to dismiss fire call inv #23-00119 due to now being deceased. AIF
4. Clerk, Herrst recommends to the board we dismiss the fire calls for Helen and Donald Lundquist inv #23-00148; inv #22-00171; inv #23-00484; inv 23-00053. **Motion made by Linda Cudney 2nd by Amy Herrst** to dismiss fire call #23-00148; inv #22-00171; inv #23-00484; inv 23-00053 due to both now being deceased. AIF
5. Boyd Griner would like to continue to service as an employee for Cleon Township's lawn maintenance. He would like a pay increase to \$20 per hour. Motion to increase the pay as stated. **Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter** to approve pay increase to Boyd Griner for township lawn maintenance. **Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0.**

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:** See attached. Fred will be contacted and invited to join our special meeting with Nicolet Bank on June 23 2023.
4. **Colleen Mysliwicz invoice, Dismissed, See above**
5. **Viaduct Road,** Meeting with MCRC, Dave and Todd took place. MCRC does have a plan I place to help the issues.

6. **Cemetery Mowing Contract: Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield** to accept Milarch Landscaping bid for the 2023 Cleon Township Cemetery lawn maintenance. **Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0.**
7. **Cleanup Day June 3:** Fire Dept will be present with water for drinking, Steve Milarch will be present with excavator, Ken Gruss will supply scrap area, tires will be picked up once we know how many.
8. **American Legion Easement:** Since last has now evolved into a public parks project. EGLE is involved and soon to be the DNR. Dave is asking the board for support to move forward. No contest from the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Count for MTA Annual Dinner Meeting:** Count is 5 with Linda, Terri and Amy that needs to be paid by the township at \$18 each. Dave and Jan have already paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Evelyn touched back to the Read Rd situation expanding currently. Also wanted status of Twisted Trails paperwork.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield AIF
TIME: 9:15 PM

Special Meeting scheduled for May 23rd, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Next Board Meeting scheduled for June 14th, 2023 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will contact Jared Milarch about a bid acceptance for cemetery mowing.
Will continue to investigate a map with the topographical plat information.
Will keep updating us on the parcel of land held by the Legion as a potential park project.

Amy: Will call Cherryland and inquire a partial disconnect through winter months.
Will investigate the township paying Isaac Pfister as maintenance officer.
Will contact Zach Harris about the denial of the bid offer for cemetery mowing.

Linda: Will check with MI State Extension about getting plat book copies for the fire dept and additional plat map.
Will continue to set up the Active Shooter Training class with the Sheriff.
Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan. She will share contacts with Fred and invite him to the Nicolet Bank meeting as well.

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