

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE APRIL 10, 2024**

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, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Gary Porter-Trustee, Abraham Canfield-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: **Brad Kluczynski-MCRC Manager**-Introduced himself and background. Spoke of Asset Management and tracking to reduce costs that in turn go back into roads. Also implementing a GIS based system to bring technology to the front for the county. He is willing to set up a meeting to go over an individualized asset management for the Cleon Township if we are interested.

Julie Cirone-Manistee County Library-Introduced herself as the new director of the Manistee County Library. Shared all the resources the library has to offer for our residents in Manistee County. The book bike may be coming again to Copemish Heritage Days, we will follow up with that.

Joe Carpenter-visitor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 13, 2024 Board meeting minutes

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter: No Report

Abe Canfield: No Report

B. TREASURER: Gave the 7th Day Adventist letter to the Sherrif-he instructed no action needed. Sam's Club membership on hold for now due to cost and logistics of only one

person on account. We will use just individual board memberships as needed. John Larsen is having knee replacement and will be out of service until end of May. He has appointed Dave Beldo to cover his duties until he is back. Lisa from United Way wanted to know if anyone knew who might bid to clean-up Colleen Myslewic's fire remnants so they can move forward with a new mobile home. 5 CD's matured and have been renewed for 9 months with Nicolet Bank at 4.91%. We received the Firefighter grant money from SIGMA finally for \$19,401.

C. CLERK: QuickBooks is requiring us to upgrade our payroll subscription to the enhanced version. It will now cost \$550/yr. plus \$6/month per employee. Corinna says it is the best option we have available to us currently. I will remove election workers from the payroll and just write checks individually for elections. **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to upgrade the payroll for QuickBooks. I would like to ask the board to dismiss the Karen Trail case due to lack of support on our end to further the litigation and collections. **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to dismiss the fire charge for Karen Trail. I also would like the board to dismiss the lift assist charge for Ann Forrester that has gone past 90 days. **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to dismiss the fire charge for Ann Forrester.

D. SUPERVISOR: Flag and light at cemetery have been replaced. Copemish Village Clean up is scheduled for April 20th. The village hired a new clerk, Misty O'Shea and Treasurer, Suzie Morrow.

E. ZONING: No permits

F: PLANNING: *see attached minutes*

G: MRCM: They are implementing lots of changes; a main priority is to update technology. The 131 bridge will be open by Memorial Day. ORV drivers are wanting to open more roads in our area of the county to get to the local businesses they have not been able to access legally. The new manager got a new pickup for \$45,000. Work on the Leffew Rd Bridge is finally moving forward.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report*

Mark would like to recommend to board to approve a new hire application for Max Albrecht. **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to hire Max to the Fire Department on a 90-day probationary pending a background check AIF. We received the firefighter grant money and some monies left over may be allocated to us, we need to wait until they release that information. Makayla Reed is coming back to a more full time position soon. The Gator is being fixed up and getting ready for use. Do we have a formal termination process to get back our equipment and codes for the door? We may need to revisit this in the future right now it is more of an informal process carried out by the fire chief. New radios are coming from the 911 millage for the county. This will tie into our other new radios from grant money. This will implement the State Police 800 Service channel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.

2. **Cannabis Ordinance Review:** still awaiting final approval from new lawyer now, Barb will follow up on this as soon as we get her the contact info.
3. **Township Hall Plans:** Mark listed a few items he is working on with Fred and Jamie for the fire hall side of the project. A state plan review is underway to address a few concerns.
4. **Township Park Project:** Revenue Sharing has dismissed the project as it is not considered public safety, even under other services. Dave will need to regroup and figure out next step. Possibly Revenue Sharing from another tribe?

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of payment for new hall project:** Draw #5 for \$85,000 or less to be approved to Milarch Inc. **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to pay Draw #5. **Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0.**
2. **2024 Cemetery mowing contract review:** We received 2 bids; Milarch's for \$910 and Peaceful Surroundings for \$1025. Dave will investigate both a bit further and give his recommendation at the next meeting.
3. **Benzie/Manistee/Wexford Dirt Birds:** under 501c3 Snow Birds, would like to attend next month's meeting. In the meantime, they have given us proposed trail maps and possible future improvements to look over. They will seek a letter of recommendation from the board after next month's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

MTA Annual Dinner Meeting May 22

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: **Linda:** Clean-Up Day flyers are ready to distribute. She will also order flags for the cemetery soon. Our next audit will be May 29-31 for the USDA requirement. **Dave:** Wally Humphrey is the oldest living veteran in the state of MI, age 101. Legion will be holding a Surprise Celebration for him on Sunday May 19th from 1-3PM with a free community spaghetti dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Mark:** July 17th the Railroad Historical Society of Northern Michigan will be presenting at the Arcadia methodist Church, The History of the Arcadia-Betsie River Railroad.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield **AIF**

TIME: 8:34 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 8th, 2024 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will consult the mowing contracts and return to next meeting with a recommendation.

Will put out garbage bins at the cemetery.

Amy: Will email attorney contact to Barb
Will email the final budget for FIRE 2023-24 to Mark

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

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