

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE JUNE 9, 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: Rose Fosdick, David Adrianson and wife, Pat Milliron

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Adrianson would like to ask to board to forgive his fire invoice bill. He had the fire at Fuzzy Bear Campground. He has no insurance to cover the costs. Elmer's had to come in and remove the roof with equipment and his well was damaged in the process. The bill from Elmer's was \$1167.50 in addition to the \$500 fire charge from Cleon Fire Dept. Total owed on invoice was \$1667.50. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Gary Porter to dismiss charges due to the hardship circumstances and because he appeared in person to ask for forgiveness on this one-time basis.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Per David's request for help, Mark will get with the DNR at the end of summer to look into an improved fire gate access to the water at the lake.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

We have received the State Revenue Sharing check, Delinquent taxes funds, PP breakdown checks, interest gained and one payment on a fire call.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Gary Porter 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: Lots of concern about the Copemish Market. The deal did not go through as planned and it is being held up by the lawyers at this time. He has had interest from potential buyers and is keeping us updated on the situation. The parking lot was just paved and surfaced by Elmer's.

Abe Canfield: Went to the MCRC meeting... They are working on mowing through the whole summer. Only federally funded roads will get it first. They did offer to help with the cemetery tree near the road but the fire department has already taken care of it. They are still brining and have 3 trucks working on it. Keep calling with your complaints and hopefully your road will get brined and grated.

B. TREASURER: Made a thank you note and sent to Copemish Market for all the years of service to our community. The newsletter will be finalized on June 28th to go out for summer tax bills. Please get anything you would like in it to Linda before then. Thank you to all for clean-up day help! *See attached* sheet for details. Tire pick-up will come and get when they are in town for others. Manistee County Recreation meeting minutes *see attached*. "Friends of the Trail" are going to meet Wed June 16th. July 6th is the next Rec meeting. MTA was at Filer Township *see attached minutes*. Next meeting for MTA is June 23rd in Onekama.

C. CLERK: MTA dues are due on July 1st. *Do we want to continue with the same plan?* Yes, overall and I will pay those accordingly. American Waste totes at the cemetery... could we downsize the number of totes? Linda will call on the totes and try to downsize the order to 2 totes. Met with Mark about the billing for fire invoices. Created two new letters to send with the invoices and prior collections getting involved. We will only send invoices to collections if it's over \$500 in most cases. BVCC progress report, *see attached*. BVCC is going to help with volunteers for Copemish Days and also be in the parade. The next planning meeting will follow our June 22nd meeting 6pm at the Legion in Copemish. Copemish Days is moving right along we are trying to get volunteers and parade participants. See the website/Facebook for more details. www.copemishheritagedays.wordpress.com. ARPA updates on what we are to expect. *See attached info sheet*. MTA has a webinar about it on June 17th with more info from the Michigan Treasury.

D. SUPERVISOR: Village News via Pat Milliron: Gary Collins is getting an award as "Copemish Kid", Blight concern with Larry Gibson as the controller. He gave us a complaint form for issues from the village to give out if needed. No money for MR to pay for road work. Frisbee golf is being installed into the Mish-a-Mish Park. Flushable toilets and irrigation in the village park. Jarred with help with tree irrigation. Speed bumps to come in and 25mph signs being moved to actual village limits. (Sheriff dept offered speed radar sign trailered for free) Vacant properties update talk but no action being taken as of yet until realtors step in. Dave and Elaine with both be stepping down from the Friends of the Trail Committee. We need someone in our township or village to step up and represent now if possible.

E. ZONING: Special use MCRC gravel permit approved.

F: PLANNING: *See attached minutes.* Next meeting in August. Invited Calvin and Twisted Trails to the meeting for special use permits. No changes to the Master Plan at this time. Land use permits do not need to be posted only building permits from the State.

G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

Ford Truck muffler came off and will need repair. AEDs need new pads and batteries. Fire will be at Copemish Days. Fire Chiefs Association concerned about the growing problematic EMS situation. MMR has now taken over and the Manistee city ambulance is going too far from the city to make calls. Lack of personnel to keep up. Jordon Development is to be installing a light at the Springdale Rd location to help stop the false fire calls that come in. New addition of Isaac Pfister to the roster under cadet level. He is only 16 so will not actually be paid as an employee only volunteer on roster in support functions.

Fire Dept would like to bring on the minor, Isaac Pfister. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to allow Isaac Pfister to the Fire dept under cadet status. AIF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board Member Action Plan Items:

Dave-Completed

Amy-Completed, will send thank you to Gene as he completes the signs.

Linda-Continuing to create a pandemic plan.

Gary-Continuing research on the Marijuana Ordinances in touch with someone who is giving some different ordinances. Looking into industrial vs agriculture.

Abe- Continuing research on the Marijuana Ordinances

2. Cemetery update: Good feedback on cemetery. Gene is continuing work on the signs. Kirby's and Milarch's both have not responded to the estimates they provided. We may need to look into other bids.
3. Gary is still working on a plan to present to the board about the Marijuana Ordinances.
4. Mark will be going to the Rev Sharing Meeting to see if any left-over money could be allocated to us.
5. Connecting Russo Dr. & Imhoff Dr. Pat says there is no money for MR to pay for road work. He will follow up next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Connecting Manistee Broadband Speaker- Rose Fosdick, presenter
Motion by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to sign a letter of support. AIF
2. Condition of the hall; Canopy over the door leaks bad it will fall off soon. We need to have someone come in and survey the building to get an idea of what needs to be fixed structurally. Mark will reach out to Steve Stimel to see if he can come and give us an estimate. He is a structural engineer as well as manage the job. 2007 was last

time roof work was done. It should be updated to metal if possible. Exterior improvements with insulation as well as windows to be looked at. Also USDA will need to be included in the process based on the loan requirements.

3. 6-month check in. How are things going?

Meetings are running too long. How can we streamline?

Cleon will share meeting minutes with the village and they will do the same.

The 2nd of the month would be a deadline to get all pre-board meeting information out.

CORRESPONDENCE: See attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dave Myers, seconded by Abe Canfield AIF

TIME: 9:23 PM

Next meeting scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 7pm.

Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave:

Continue work on cemetery and move forward with getting new estimates if we get no response back from current accepted bids.

Amy:

Send Gene Issacson a “Thank You” note for cemetery signs.

Dismiss David Adrianson Fire Invoice.

Pay the yearly dues to MTA.

Create the letter of support for Manistee Broadband.

Will gather pre-board packet materials by the 2nd of the month to email out ahead of the board meeting.

Will send minutes to the village and receive theirs to share as well.

Linda:

Will continue creating a pandemic action plan for our township.

Call American Waste about downsizing totes to two instead of three at the cemetery.

Gary:

Continue researching marijuana ordinances.

Abe:

Attend the next Manistee Co Rd Commission meeting July 7th, 2021.
Continue researching marijuana ordnances.

***Mark Griner** has arranged a meeting with Steve Stiemel to assess the exterior of the building at 0900 next Thursday, June 17. You are all invited to attend & express your concerns and learn the status of our building.

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