

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE JANUARY 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, Abraham Canfield-Trustee, Gary Porter-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Fred Cambell, Andrea Gendjar

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 13, 2023 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: Investment accounts have accrued interest combined reaching \$ \$19,719.93 this year. Assessor had his audit and received a certificate of achievement in December from the state with a perfect score. Mark Nettleton with Mika Meyers took care of the USDA treasury payment needed in a very timely matter. Cogent IT company has changed its rates and included that via email. USDA representative Melissa Barley needs to meet to go over compliance for the new building.

C. CLERK: Election commission meeting was approved with Michelle Tinoco (D) as chair, Jerika Currie (D), Pam Garn (R), Bonnie Hyder (R), Linda Easton (R), and Amy Herrst as (D). The PAT was approved for 2/7/24 at 11am.

D. SUPERVISOR: Village meeting included the visit from Fischer Propane with the inquiry of a commercial property to host a satellite office/filling station and storage units.

E. ZONING: No permits

F: PLANNING: *see attached minutes*

G: MRCM: No report

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report.* Fire would like the board to consider Issac Pfister who was a former Explorer and is now in the US Air Force Fire division to be a part time volunteer for the department. Pending insurance approval, **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve adding Issac to the roster. AIF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed.
- 2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** still awaiting final approval from lawyer.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** *See under New Business*
- 4. Township Park Project:** Mark and Dave are going to apply for revenue sharing grant when applications open on Feb 9th for the \$11,000 needed to get the engineer quote given for the park plan.
- 5. Cherryland Fire Report Update:** We received correspondence back from Cherryland via their attorney, after they were asked to come to our board meeting to explain the denial. They included the sample survey done showing the tree that caused the damage to the powerline was in fact not on the Cherryland right of way. It states that they were also not actively working on any lines in that area. It was in fact a cause of nature that created the fire. Unfortunately, the case is pretty much closed as to any further action or recovery of costs incurred.
- 6. Mika Meyers:** After inquiry about George Saylor and his handling or therefore lack of township business, he did personally respond via email, that he is phasing out of the business and has a new person in his office that he would gladly introduce us to. Dave has asked him for that contact info and will also invite the new person, Tim Figura to our next board meeting. **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to approve the invitation to our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of payment for new hall project:** Fred Campbell addressed the board with the request to pay app #3. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Gary Porter to approve pay app #3 draw request for \$105,437.50 from USDA. The disbursement would be to Milarch Inc. **Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.** Fred wanted the board to be aware he is pulling extra duty to work out the problems with USDA and the amount of money they are approving in the draws. The last draw was incorrect on USDA's end and was originally supposed to be \$130,250 but we were given only \$100,000. We have not heard from Jennifer as to why this error is occurring except that she will try to resolve the issue by the next draw.
- 2. Poverty Exemption Notice: Resolution # 01102024, Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield for the Poverty Exemption. **Roll Call Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Resolution passed.
- 3. 3rd Quarter Financials: Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter to approve the 3rd quarter financials with and amendments to take place at next meeting.

Budget meetings set for: **Feb 8th General/Cemetery/Road Funds & Feb 15th Fire/Bond Funds 6:30PM**

- 4. County Contractual Service Agreement & SET Summer Collection: Motion** by Dave Myers, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the County Contractual Service Agreement & SET Summer Collection. **Roll Call Vote:** 4 Ayes, 1 Nay.

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Feeding America Food Truck will be in Copemish on January 19th at 11am

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Andrea Gendjar from the Spirit and Faith Fellowship Group, offered to volunteer and fund the painting of the hall walls. **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to allow the painting to take place pending the insurance company approves. AIF

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

TIME: 8:12 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 14th, 2024 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will follow up with the attorney change situation.
Will work with Mark on the Revenue Sharing application for the park.

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