

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE NOVEMBER 10, 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:** Bill Mathes, Josh Palmer, Todd Humphrey and Patrick Milliron

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Sept 8, 2021 Board Meeting minutes: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield, to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

We received a check from State of MI for Nov 2020 Election reimbursement in the amount of \$200. We received a refund of 941 taxes for \$150. We received a State Revenue Sharing check in amount of \$13,976.

**Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Amy Herrst to approve treasurer's report. AIF

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Payment of bills: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to accept the Payment of bills AIF.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**A. TRUSTEES**

**Gary Porter:** Opening day is Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Be safe and remember no baiting. Also note there is a cow on the loose in the area. Grocery store bids have stalled and now the building is looking to be sold for storage or possibly Thrive Cannabis is looking to buy with the stipulation that Cleon and the Village opt in to allow cannabis in the area. Within 5yrs there may be enough profit earned to turn around and help support a new townhall and a grocery/deli in the existing township hall location.

**Abe Canfield:** Nothing to report

**B. TREASURER:** Tax bills will be going out soon. Give me any info you want in the newsletter. State of Mi had two more denials for exemption status. We had a huge success with the Feeding America truck: See attached notes and statistics. Next event is set for Dec 17 at 11 am. Smart Trails meet and accomplished lots of things. See attached. MTA meeting was in Stronach it also included our board field trip to look at the Stronach Fire Hall for ideas on our new building.

**C. CLERK:** I made a thank you for Gene to send with a picture of the cemetery signage. I will also send one to Gus Hanson, who helped as well. We received a letter from the Connecting Manistee Broadband Committee asking for help with creating RFP for the feasibility study. Unfortunately, I do not have the extra time to put into that newly formed group. I will keep you updated if anything new arises.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** CEMETERY UPDATE: I have asked Gene for a list of reimbursement costs. Zoning sign vandalism is being pursued by a Manistee co sheriff detective. Door was put on the pump house to seal properly. Insulation will come soon. COPEMISH VILLAGE UPDATE: Speed bumps are now gone and radar signs will now be looked into as an option.

**E. ZONING:** Barb not present but Linda stated they had 1 permit last month.

**F: PLANNING:** Meeting set for December 1st 2021.

**G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

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

Halloween brought about 30 kids who trick or treated to the fire truck. Maple syrup get together will happen just not at Griner Sugar Shack. I have been asked about safety concerns in the dollar general but we have no jurisdiction in there. If you want to voice concerns to corporate HQ, please do so.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Board Member Action Plan Items:**

- a. Dave spoke with and Jamie Milarch will be fixing the entrance in the next week. ASAP
  - b. Dave did fix pump door and is planning to still insulate the pump house.
  - c. Linda will continue work on pandemic protocol.
2. Cannabis Regulatory Committee has been meeting and voted on ordinances to move forward with. With a 6-0 vote they will include: Grow Operations, Processing, Safety, and Transportation. With a 5-1 vote they will include Micro Business/Dispensary. Benzonia township is being used in conjunction with others as the springboard for our verbiage and content with two separate medical and recreational. Bill as a part of Thrive Cannabis would like to put on educational seminars at the Legion starting in January and going through April. They will need help getting the word out to the public.
  3. Township Hall Plans: A budget will need to be developed. Linda has contacted USDA and Honor Bank about financing options. We will need a bond council attorney which they have at Mika Myers. USDA has an option for 30 yrs. at 2.125% with a yearly payment of \$22,625 or 40 yrs. same rate with a yearly payment of \$18,625. Honor

Bank for a \$500,000 loan would want \$100,000 down and monthly payments at the rate of 3.25%. With our current mills at .61 we took in during **2018** \$19, 248, **2019** \$19, 876 **2020** \$20,314. We currently owe \$63,000 still on our current USDA loan and that needs to be paid first. Professional services for the new building financing should come from the general fund and would be around \$20,000. **A motion by Gary Porter seconded by Abe Canfield** to move forward with the financing of a new building for Cleon township through USDA. **Roll Call Vote:** 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF

Mark recommends that we use Fred Campbell with JML Design to give us some design options and then those could go to a public hearing. Mark will contact him. Linda will check on the last survey done on the property.

4. Website: Amy got two proposals from MS Creative in Manistee and STG in Lansing. After comparing the two Amy would recommend MS because it is slightly less money in the long-term outlook and it is a local Manistee company. **A motion by Amy Herrst seconded by Linda Cudney** to move forward with the development of a website for Cleon township using MS Creative Services. **Roll Call Vote:** 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF
5. Milarch's gave us a bid for the snow removal this winter. Amy will send them the updated contract. **A motion by Linda Cudney seconded by Gary Porter** to accept Milarch's plowing proposal for 2021-2022 winter season. **Roll Call Vote:** 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Parks and Rec Resolution: A motion by Linda Cudney seconded by Gary Porter** for resolution to adopt the Cleon Township Parks and Rec plan with resolution #111021 of 2021. **Roll Call Vote:** 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF

**CORRESPONDENCE:** See attached

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

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

**TIME: 8:26 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for December 8th, 2021 at 7 PM  
Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

#### **BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Dave:**

Will remove main flags in Cemetery after Nov 11  
Will insulate the cemetery pump house

**Amy:**

Will move forward with website options for the township.

Will send thank you to Gene and Gus.

Will send a contract to Jared Milarch

**Linda:**

Will continue creating a pandemic action plan for our township.

Will Contact USDA and inform them of our decision to pursue and get a timeline/checklist

**Gary:**

**Abe:**

DRAFT