

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE FEBRUARY 8, 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, Mark Griner-Fire Chief

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Evelyn Hawkins

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 11 th, 2023 board meeting minutes by Linda Cudney, seconded by Abe Canfield to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT:

Quiet month... Taxes, utilities and interest on accounts. Received check for cemetery fence claim minus deductible from Tokio Marine. Linda will also look into reinvesting a fire CD that will be mature next month.

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: Spoke with THRIVE about the purchasing of the Copemish Market. It is moving forward as a grow operation.

Abe Canfield:

B. TREASURER: Feeding America Food Truck was a great turnout and we had the biggest distribution in the county in 2022. They are looking into getting a few more to this area. We serviced 312 Households, 851 People in the households, 246

Children, 223 Seniors and 58 Veterans. We have a great crew! Cogent has hired a new IT rep on their team. MTA Conference is in TC this year and goes April 17-19. Those who are interested in attending may look into the classes they want to take part in.

C. **CLERK:**

D. **SUPERVISOR:** The cemetery fence is repaired.

E. **ZONING:** no new permits

F: **PLANNING:** see attached minutes

G: **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Calls this month:l The FFA is going along well. Revenue sharing grant applications for 3 new requests are created. 45K for Imhoff Dr repair, 45k for parking lot repair, and 15k for Emergency Equipment. Linda will deliver the final drafts of the applications at the courthouse next week. CPR training was completed and all those in need are recertified. Shawn Decker is still on medical leave. Ben Hatch and Dylan Bennett are to be removed from the roster. Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to remove Ben and Dylan from the roster. AIF

H: **MRCM:** See attached minutes There is another opening on the board and Todd has entered his application again. Cleon township would like to provide postcards to the commissioner again with ours and Springdale Township's support. Mark will produce the cards and our board will help deliver them to be signed and mailed.

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.
3. Township Hall Plans: We had a meeting with the bond council and municipal advisor after we were denied the \$650K amount loan from USDA. They have since reached out to USDA and uncovered a misunderstanding as to how the millage actually works. They will be getting with us on how we can now move forward. Linda has sent questions to the bond council pertaining to the milage and tax use on our end. We are waiting to hear from Jennifer Wahr as to what to do next. Mark suggests we let the bond council have the direct communication with USDA from here on out. This may move things along faster. Mark will get an invoice for the new incoming revenue sharing grant money, to cover the fire well connection to the new building. Mark will reach out to Bob Carpenter about adjusting the hook-up at the well to minimize freeze concern. Mark will be in contact with Fred in the next day or so to see what his lead time is and to let him know we are moving forward.
4. Vacating Imhoff Dr: Dave is still working on setting a meeting with Bill Dunham about the Legions take on Imhoff Dr. Elaine stated that is would be a loss of only \$200-300 of ACT 51 money loss for the village if they do turn it over. If they had to repair it the cost would be 50-60K. There is a current safety issue from the Fire Dept

standpoint navigating potholes and a clear entrance to 115. Mark, Dave and possibly other board members will attend the next village meeting to express concern. It is on Feb 21 at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a request to bid our cemetery mowing.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Gary, Dave and Mark all may be undergoing surgery in the near future. They will update us as need be.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Evelyn wants to speak for the Wallace's who have sent a letter to planning about the disturbed property from Twisted Trails. She would like to see them included in the special use requirements. This would require an amended special use from planning.

Todd Humphrey wanted an update on the "tent city" situation on Read Rd. Evelyn stated that Barb, the ZA, has said that they cannot do anything until mid-April because of the 6 month waiting period from the signing over of the property. She questioned what would stop them from doing this continuously so that they don't have to make any violation corrections?

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Abe Canfield, seconded by Gary Porter AIF TIME:
8:11 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for March 8th, 2023 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will continue to facilitate the correspondence from the attorney and the Village about Imhoff Dr.

Amy: Will get a picture from Mark of the new building for the CO directory to send in.
Will follow up with the cemetery mowing bid.

Linda: Will look into reinvesting the FIRE CD that is about to mature.

Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan with the help of the bond council.
Will check ratios for the BOR notice.

Will contact the insurance about Mark becoming the Deputy Supervisor and getting bonded.