

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE April 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor, Joe Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.at the Cleon Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Board Members present: Joe Carpenter-Supervisor, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Linda Cudney -Treasurer, Todd Humphrey-Trustee, Abe Canfield-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Fred Campbell, Jamie Milarch, Dave Myers, Mark Griner, Ruth Griner, Misty O'Shea, Bill Collins

Fred Campbell: We had a TEAMS meeting with USDA, Cleon township, bond council to go over the prevailing wage issue. It was decided that prevailing wage must be done to move forward with the funding without having to repay the grant money. Although a preconstruction meeting with USDA was never done and should have been according to their contract, we now must come up with a way to figure out prevailing wage after the fact. Fred will try to piece meal the pay scale based on materials and time. Fred also needs to follow up with all the state inspectors about the plumbing, mechanical and electrical drawings that need approval. The oil water separator might still not be correct as well. After those are approved, we can get the building inspector scheduled and possibly get the COO needed to insure the new building. June 1st is a hard deadline for insurance.

Bill Collins: He had a garage fire and the Cleon fire truck that responded could not perform correctly. Thompsonville was never dispatched due to error in Manistee County dispatch. Finally, Maple Grove arrived with a working truck.

Misty O'Shea: Representing Feed Your Soul Food Pantry in the Village of Copemish. They now will have a Narcan box outside the village hall and a food box drop at CBS Solar. They are having a Community Day on June 14th. 9-1130 Breakfast at the Legion, Food Truck Rally in afternoon and Euchre Tournament as well. There will be games and such for the kids over in the park. Fun day for the community and to raise awareness for the cause.

Dave Myers: Park update is moving along and the feasibility could happen by mid-July. *See correspondence.* Due to the weather washout the culvert was cleaned out by the county which removed all the beaver dams and cleared away any intrusions that were impeding the process in lake Copemish. Moving forward this will be a "Nature Park" type framework.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Above

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: Motion by Linda Cudney, supported by Amy Herrst to set the agenda. AIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 12, 2025 Board meeting minutes/Budget hearing minutes

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS: *See attached for bills*

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Todd Humphrey: Nothing to report

Abe Canfield: Nothing to report

B. TREASURER: May 16 will possibly be a Feeding America food truck in Copemish. MTA dinner on May 28 at Maple Grove Community Center. USDA payment on May 1st *see attached for scheduled payment.*

C. CLERK: I would like to attend the Par Plan Professional Development Day on May 8 in Sault St Marie. Cost would be \$30 for the conference, milage/toll, and lodging.

Motion by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield, to allow Amy to attend this event for training. AIF

D. SUPERVISOR: Received an email about a cell tower in our township that wants to update some things. They will be in touch with the zoning administrator to see if there are any permits needed or pending. AED for the township is still wanted. Springdale Township is interested in getting one too. Joe will contact hi source where he got his to get a price quote.

E. ZONING: 1 permit this month.

F: PLANNING: *see planning minutes.* They are continuing reviewing the wind/solar power ordinance situation that is changing at the state level. Also, the Master plan review and updates.

G: MRCM:

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report.* Reminder burn permits are issued by the state website updated hourly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
2. **Township Hall Plans:** *see Fred's comments above*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of payment for new hall project:** none currently

2. **2024-2025 Quarter Financials and FY end budget adjustments:** *See attached*
3. **Cemetery Mowing Contract 2025:** *See 3 attached bids.* **Motion** by Joe Carpenter, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey to accept the bid from Milarch Landscaping.
4. **Annual Clean-up Day June 7th 2025** see flyer attached. All Board members and families will be volunteering to help from 8-12.

CORRESPONDENCE: *See attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Copemish Heritage Days planning meeting on 4/21/25 at 6pm at Cleon Hall.

SMARTrails update: Construction on trail from Thompsonville to Copemish is set to start and they are out for bids currently.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Joe Carpenter, **supported by** Abe Canfield **AIF**

TIME: 9:23 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 12th, 2025 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Joe: Will communicate weekly with Jamie Milarch and Fred Campbell about the status of the new construction. He will report back to the board at regular meetings.

Amy: Will schedule the fire policy meeting for some time in June or July.

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

Will schedule a meeting with Brad Kluczynski for an asset management evaluation when Mark is able to meet as well.