

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE NOVEMBER 13, 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, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Linda Cudney -Treasurer, Abraham Canfield-Trustee. Absent: Gary Porter-Trustee

**GUESTS and /or VISITORS:**

Fred Campbell-JML, Evelyn Hawkins, Joe Carpenter, Dave Saunders, Ruth Griner, Mark Griner, Todd Humphrey.

**Fred Campbell-JML:** Concrete work is being done today; the retention basin is completed. We are waiting on the oil/water separator to be delivered. Electrical has become a problem with Consumers Energy. They are quoting out for Feb 2025 now so to speed up the process Fred will be reaching out to his connections to see how soon we can get them to the site. Blarney Castle will be bringing down a tank and temporarily hooking it up so that we can get heat inside so work can commence. Fred received the pay app from Jamie but only yesterday so he will need to have the week to get it in order. The bonding form was completed and returned.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:**

Motion by Linda Cudney, supported by Abe Canfield to approve the consent agenda with correction. AIF

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Oct 9, 2024 Board meeting minutes

**TREASURERS REPORT:** *See attached*

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:** *See attached for Bills;*

Budget amendment for the cemetery needed. **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to move \$3500 from the General Fund 101-000-084 to the Cemetery Fund 209-000-214 to cover contractual services until it can be paid back after winter tax collection. **Roll Call, All Ayes 0 Nays**

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

### **A. TRUSTEES**

**Gary Porter:** Absent

**Abe Canfield:** Nothing to report.

**B. TREASURER:** Carbon Reduction Program Grant for M-115 has been delayed one year, with survey and design work now expected to take place next winter and construction anticipated for 2028. Linda is working on her winter newsletter now and will need anyone who wants to add to it have that to her by next week. Flags were removed from the cemetery today. The actual American Flag on the pole needs to be replaced again. USDA took out the next interest only payment on Nov. 1

**C. CLERK:** We need to set up a fire informational meeting with the board, Mark, Dave, and Patty to go over some policies and onboarding protocols that need to be put in place. Amy will get with everyone involved and decide when the meeting should take place. We were approved to receive the Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant for \$2500 for security cameras in the new building. The cost for our fire department to come to the Village Fall Fest was \$180, should we invoice the village? **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve the invoicing of the fire department for Fall Fest. MTA has a new elected official's workshop on Dec 19 at Crystal Mountain. The board has expressed interest and I will register all of us if we agree? **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve the board attends the MTA workshop to continue education if the wish to do so. I am running into issues with the search for an IT company to represent our township. I will reach out to local businesses and county townships to see who they use.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** Cemetery water is off and winterized. We would like to welcome and recognize the new supervisor, Joe Carpenter. Congratulations on the election!

**E. ZONING:** We have 2 new land use permits

**F: PLANNING:** *See attached minutes* A FOIA request came in for Twisted Trails parcels and accompanying permits. Bill (assessor), Barb (ZA), Mark (fire), and Linda (taxes) will gather those files and send them on. Dave Cutler requested Todd come do a site visit to see the updates at the Crystal Aggregate gravel pit site.

**G: MRCM:** Chip/Seal is being done on many county roads and will soon be coming to our area more frequently. Salt order delivered for the winter season. 2 new employees and 2 seasonal employees coming on. 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> shifts starting now. New sander blade trucks being introduced to the roads. MDOT is completing the M-55 overlay and then will be finished in our area for a while.

**H: FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *See attached report*

Very busy month! MSP provided a great debriefing session for all local fire responders and police after the Oct 11 multiple fatality accident. Dec 13 is the annual fire dinner at Nessen City School House 6:30pm.

Amy addressed fire about the importance of completing fire run reports correctly for payroll purposes and compliance.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
2. **Cannabis Ordinance Review:** Planning received the final draft and will possibly add special use to the application process. *See planning minutes attached.*
3. **Township Hall Plans:** Plaque is still in the design process. We will start working with GT Mobile to get the security cameras installed for the grant awarded.
4. **Options for old Township Hall building:** We are still working with Brad on a plan to move forward. Mark suggests we try to keep heat and electricity to the building low as possible until we determine what will be done.
5. **Township Park Project:** Dave did reach out to the GT Revenue Sharing one more time to see if they can help with cost of the feasibility study, he will know at year's end. If no luck again Dave will personally finance the study and stay on the facilitate the project as a liaison.
6. **Cost Recovery Fire:** TABLED until fire meeting or closer to the budget workshop.
7. **Review cemetery charges, hall rental fees and other items:** TABLED

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of payment for new hall project: Draw #8** motioned by Linda Cudney, supported by Abe Canfield to approve pay app #8 to USDA and Milarch Inc. The amount will be determined after Fred lets us know what the actual total will be.
2. **Snowplow Bids:** Dave will solicit bids from Jared Milarch and possibly Tony with the Village.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** *See Attached*

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Dave would like to bring up the possibility of switching the board meeting day for the next fiscal year. This would help accommodate the possible conflict for some board members and the American Legion meeting times. Dave would like to thank all the board for helping him have a successful term as supervisor and congratulate the new incoming board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mark wanted to say a big thank you to Dave for his service to the township as supervisor and we all wish him well moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Abe Canfield, supported by Amy Herrst AIF

**TIME: 8:40 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for December 11, 2024 at 7 PM  
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

**BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Dave:** Will get bids for the snowplowing of the Township property.  
Will collaborate with Mark about a design for the plaque on the new building.

**Amy:** Will organize a fire meeting with the board and fire officers.  
Will continue working on getting bids for the IT in the new building.

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

Will along with Mark, get Brad Kluczynski the above list of things needed for an asset  
management evaluation.

Meeting minutes submitted by Amy Herrst, Cleon Township Clerk.

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