

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE January 21, 2026

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, Abe Canfield-Trustee, Todd Humphrey-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: **Mike MacGirr-Thompsonville Fire/EMS:** Proposed a mutual aid agreement between Cleon and Thompsonville fire departments. This needs to be looked at by the Cleon board, fire department, and attorney. Thompsonville has responded with mutual aid 17 times this year to Cleon calls and that is 10% of their calls. Dispatch diagnostics are not correct either. Both fire departments cannot continue as is, we need discuss further.

Cleon Fire Department: Mark Griner, Dave Saunders, Patty Dixon, Luke Maddox Fred Campbell-JML *see below*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded by** Amy Herrst to set the agenda. AIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from December 17, 2025 Board meeting

TREASURERS REPORT *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS *See attached*

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Todd Humphrey: Nothing to present

Abe Canfield: Nothing to present

B. TREASURER: Nothing to present

C. CLERK: W-2's and year end taxes are being finalized.

D. SUPERVISOR: Nothing to present

E. ZONING: Nothing to report

F: PLANNING: No meeting scheduled January. Next meeting Feb 4th 2026

G: MCRC: The MCRC manager position has a few applicants, Keith Moore and Jerry Peterson Jr. are among the few. Plowing going on now, 3500 tons of salt used 2500 left. Trees down, significant breakdowns and hired more temporary workers.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report.* Also new apps for revenue sharing coming soon. We have seen many unplanned expenses. We need truck repairs or invest in newer models. We need new SCBA units. We need to revisit the cost recovery ordinance and our billing system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
2. **Township Hall Plans:** Mechanical and Electrical permits are DONE. Plumbing is not approved yet. Waiting on EGLE to decide on application status. We need to apply for an exemption and ask for it to be expedited. Linda/Jamie/USDA all match on figures. Fred will connect with USDA and give them the updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of payment for new hall:** Change order and pay app is needed asap from Jamie. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **supported by** Todd Humphrey to allow the pay app #10 and change order to be processed as soon as it is done. AIF
2. **3rd quarter financial review:** **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **supported by** Amy Herrst to \$4000 from 206-890 Fire Contingency to 206-337 Administrative. **Roll Call**, all ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.** **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **supported by** Todd Humphrey to accept the 3rd quarter financials as presented with the above amendment. AIF
3. **Budget Workshop Dates:** Feb 17 @ 6pm General/Cemetery/Road; Feb 24 @ 6pm Fire/Debt.

CORRESPONDENCE: *See attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Linda: Could Abe please check for payroll check that has not been deposited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark: The cleaning crew hired to clean the new building did a great job! Their business card was left for future help if needed.

Dave: I have been working with Luke and Patty to develop a recruitment/equipment plan to get us back on track to certified requirements. Possible grant writers who can help as well.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by** Amy Herrst, **supported by** Todd Humphrey AIF

Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2026 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Joe: Will communicate with Fred Campbell/Jamie Milarch about the status of the new construction and the completion date.

Linda: Will be the liaison between USDA and the township board.

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