

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE June 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor, Joe Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:01 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: Mark Griner, Ruth Griner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 21, 2025 Board meeting 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: Newsletter is done and going out. Linda will be collecting taxes for the Village of Copemish this summer again. Stats for clean up day were presented and attached. Insurance for the new building is set up and will cost \$2554 in total.

C. CLERK: Just a reminder to Mark about the gas receipts needed to be turned in. Also communication with Summit about the fire extinguishers needs to be setup on which ones we need and which ones are ok to stay in the old building.

D. SUPERVISOR: Fred is having a meeting with Jamie Milarch this Thursday. Joe will contact Fred after the meeting and go over some of the important actions that need to be taken. A special meeting will need to be held soon too with the board. AEDs are delivered and the township board was trained on them this evening. Springdale will get theirs delivered by Amy and Eric will come out to go over with them at their next board meeting.

E. ZONING: a couple permits went out. Barb will assess the follow up from clean-up day and address any pending situations.

F: PLANNING: *See planning minutes.* Next meeting Aug. 6th 2025

G: MRCM:

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report.* We need to continue looking at the mutual aid coming from Thompsonville FD and how we can make it work for both parties in the future. Transfer switch for generator is on order and will be taken out of the budget for repairs on equipment. Fire AED units need to be updated with new batteries and pads.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey to approve the purchase of new batteries and pads for the current fire AED units. Estimate is roughly \$600 per unit. **Roll Call;** All ayes. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
2. **Township Hall Plans:** Fred is having a meeting with Jamie on 6/19/25 and we will need to get some answers from him on the Westshore situation, the status of the permits to the state level as well as what needs to be completed by Jamie. Also, the prevailing wage situation with USDA should be addressed in a very timely matter as this has extended much too long. Joe will contact Fred Thurs afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: *See attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: **Linda:** Will the fire dept be working with the 5k for Copemish Days and the Sheriff needs to be included. Also, the fire dept will pick up the bounce houses and drop off as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Evelyn Hawkins:** Monique and her homestead is back in action and charging people to attend music festivals on her property of only 7 acres. She still has no running water, electricity, or sewer. They are also charging for campsites as well. If anything, the noise ordinance should be enforced by the police!

Also, a new encampment is forming on Read Rd across from my house. They also have several trailers and no water, electricity, or sewer. The amount of people continues to grow!

Linda: Also, so that all are aware there are squatters that were removed from Kaleva by police now who have moved to the old grade on Thompsonville Rd near 2nd creek in Cleon township. We believe this is State land so possibly the DNR can regulate that if they do not have the proper permits.

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

TIME: 7:58 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for July 16, 2025 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Joe: Will communicate with Fred Campbell about the status of the new construction and the USDA deadline.

Will continue to contact the attorney about JML Design and the potential for their insurance to cover costs associated with missteps taken with the prevailing wage dilemma.

Amy: Will schedule the fire policy meeting once we get into our new facility.
Will deliver AED to Springdale.

Linda: Will continue to reach out to Red Cross about updating our township hall as an Emergency Shelter.

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

Will be the liaison between USDA and the township board.