

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**DATE August 20, 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, Abe Canfield-Trustee, Todd Humphrey-Trustee

**GUESTS and /or VISITORS:** **Ken Milcek & Dave Myers**-Community Park Plan: Park update after preapplication meeting with EGLE was not a great outcome. (See attached letter) Wetland mitigation was needed for the purposed plan at a ratio of 2:1 for a build. This would be a very large project that would incur several hurdles such as fees, public hearings, and extensive testing. At this time the village may be interested in taking on the project and possibly looking at other locations and avenues.

**Ron Sanders**-Presented a neighbor blight complaint. He stated there was a large growing number of farm animals that are coming onto his property as well. Also stated with photo proof the property in question violates the junk ordinance for Cleon Township. He was asked to fill out the complaint form and return that with other collected evidence to the township, in which the Junk Administrator will follow-up with.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

July 16, 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:** Manistee Co Planning has a survey out that they would like people to take about recreation in Manistee Co. The trail from Thompsonville to Copemish will start after Labor Day.

**C. CLERK:** There will be a scheduled Election Commission Meeting at 6:45 next month to appoint the inspectors and PAT date. The insurance fire check received in conjunction with the fire on Doneth Rd was voided and returned to the insurance company. This came after our attorney advised us that we were not enrolled in the proper program to administer the clean-up. We have an audit scheduled next month with the accident fund adjuster and we will need documentation on the scheduled maintenance records. We have a bill from JML that needs to be addressed. According to our contract we are over the amount we had agreed to pay. Mark will talk with Fred at his next meeting and ask if that can be credited or adjusted.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** Jamie updated on the project. Mechanical has been submitted and we are waiting on approval. Exhaust fan still needs to be installed. We are also still waiting on the communication from the plumbing inspector. It could take 3-4 weeks to complete these tasks.

**E. ZONING:** 4 permits submitted last month.

**F: PLANNING:** *See attached minutes.* Next meeting Sept 3rd 2025

**G: MRCM:** no report

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

Mark also talked about needing to address the slip on the floor of the new fire hall. We have funds left to cover from floor materials in the change order. Fred H. will get with Mark on what product should be used and may be able to help apply with Marks help. Truck invoices were submitted from Advantage Fleet to fix the trucks that need repair. Revenue Sharing Applications are due by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark will ask for the similar things he did last round. SCBA's, fire safety gear, building upgrades. Thomas Gavett pending a background check will be joining the fire roster with a 90-day probationary period. He is also on the Thompsonville Fire dept.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
- 2. Township Hall Plans:** No update from Fred. Jamie gave us his update. (See supervisor report)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Resolution supporting the County-wide Park and Rec plan: Resolution #08202025 Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Amy Herrst to approve the resolution to support the county-wide plan and pay the \$1000 fee for Cleon township. **Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.** Resolution passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** *See attached*

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** **Amy:** I would like to thank Abe and his family for all the support they gave at Copemish Heritage Days. Also, Mark and Ruth for all their work behind the scenes getting the bounce houses there and back. And lastly Dave and Jan Myers for ALL their contributions as well. Copemish Days was a great turn out and we have lots of wonderful community members who make it possible. **Joe:** Fish Fry Friday August 22 from 5-7 at the Legion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **Dave Myers:** What is the board's decision on proceeding with the park plan? The Village has expressed interest and we will see what they can come up with moving forward while providing any help they might need.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by Todd Humphrey, supported by Abe Canfield AIF**  
**TIME: 8:10 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for September 17, 2025 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.

**Amy:** Will schedule the fire policy meeting once we get into our new facility.

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

Will be the liaison between USDA and the township board.

**Mark(fire):** Will schedule a meeting with Brad Kluczynski for an asset management evaluation when he is able to meet including Linda Cudney as well.

Will work on completing the switch over to the updated fire engine so it can be certified and in working order by end of September.

**Dave(fire):** Will continue to work with mechanics to complete the necessary fixes on our trucks.