

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE October 15, 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: Evelyn Hawkins, Dave Myers

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Jim Franke:** as the director of the Thompsonville Ambulance, would like to ask the board for a letter of support to change the way calls from Manistee County are dispatched in our area. Currently they are going to Benzie County first then being transferred to Manistee County to call back to Thompsonville if needed. This is a timely process and not in the best interest of the person needing medical attention with a fast response. We would like to change it so that when a call comes in Thompsonville gets dispatched at the same time as MMR that way the closer available unit is available as quickly as possible. This will help free up time for Manistee 911 dispatch allowing for less calls back and forth. The 911 Board of Directors and our local County Commissioner should be copied as well on the letters of support. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded by** Abe Canfield for the board to write a letter of support for Thompsonville Ambulance to change the 911 dispatch process for Manistee County. AIF

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Joe Carpenter to set the agenda. AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to approve the minutes from September 17, 2025 Board meeting. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT: **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded by** Todd Humphrey to approve the Treasurers Report. AIF

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Todd Humphrey to approve the Payment of Bills. AIF

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Todd Humphrey: Nothing to present

Abe Canfield: Nothing to present

B. TREASURER: Betsie Valley Trail from Thompsonville to Copemish is about 50% done with construction. This is set to be completed by November. As well as the bridge crossing on Plagany Rd. Next up might be the trail to Kaleva from Thompsonville. MTA update about the Constitutional Revenue Sharing states the sales tax was cut as well as the Statutory Revenue Sharing that goes to townships. On a positive note, there was an addition of a fire equipment/gear replacement that will be dispersed to local units in need.

C. CLERK: Election is set for Nov 4th at the old township hall. 7am-8pm The cemetery trash has been put away and now the water needs to be shutoff/winterize as well. Joe will get with Dave on how that should be done.

D. SUPERVISOR: no report

E. ZONING: Possible sale of Twisted Trails is in the works. 6 permits were issued this month.

F: PLANNING: No meeting this month. Next meeting Nov 5th 2025

G: MRCM: They are out getting ready for winter. They have 2 new trucks for winter. ½ of the salt load for winter has been delivered. They have acquired paving equipment to work on small jobs in spots. Brush work has started. They are preparing 55 for a paved overlay coming soon. Trying to navigate the state budget seems to be difficult.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report.* The E-1 Engine is almost fully repaired. Then work can start on the other truck. Robert Conrad has changed his mind about joining the Cleon fire dept due to family reasons.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
- 2. Township Hall Plans:** USDA is on furlough due to the Federal government shutdown. We need to confirm the applicant contribution is correct and what they say about moving into the building without occupancy granted. Jamie is going to confirm the last change order amount. Electrical inspections should be taking place very soon and need to be finished before we move in any equipment or furniture. Jason Allen, the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture, is a close contact of Mark. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to approve Mark to contact Jason for help with USDA. Fred is awaiting help from the top state certification boards he has reached out to. Jamie will be scheduling the cleaning of the office spaces and working on the landscaping.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 2nd Quarter Financials:** *See attached Motion* by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Todd Humphrey to approve the 2nd quarter financials as presented. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE: *See attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: **Todd:** Would like to acknowledge the great work MCRC has done in our area getting roads back in good shape and ready for winter.

Joe: Veterans Spaghetti Dinner November 8 from 4-7 at the Legion. \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Veterans are free!

Linda: MTA will hold the last meeting for the year in Arcadia on Wed Oct 22 at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Legion Auxiliary will host a Trunk or Treat in the Copemish Park Fri Oct 31st 430-7pm
Cleon Fire will be part of this coinciding with their training.

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

TIME: 7:50 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for November 19, 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.

Will get with Dave on winterizing the cemetery process.

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

Will draft a letter of support for the Thompsonville Ambulance.

Linda: 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 and the other truck can then go in for repairs.

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