

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

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, Linda Cudney - Treasurer, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Abraham Canfield-Trustee
Excused Absent: Gary Porter-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Heidi & Scott Mead, Chris Matthews & Deanna Gokey, Miquela Carver, Evelyn Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Heidi & Scott Mead: Wanted to present the idea of starting up a food pantry for northern Manistee County area. *See attached information given.*

Motion by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to draft a letter of support from the township in favor of the food pantry. AIF.

Chris Matthews & Deanna Gokey- Illegal burn. Requesting the board to consider to dismiss due to the property owner not aware of the burn restrictions.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to approve dismissal. AIF

Miquela Carver-Car accident. Requesting the board to consider to dismiss due to the individual's insurance not covering the charges.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to approve dismissal. AIF

Eveynl Hawkins: Requesting an update on Twisted Trails permit process.

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Abe Canfield, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 11, 2023 Board meeting minutes **with correction of Abe Canfield's 2nd motion to be changed to Amy Herrst.**

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter: No report

Abe Canfield: No report

B. TREASURER: Winter tax newsletter is going to be coming out soon. Please get any info to include to Linda by Thanksgiving. We received our official copies of the audit and F-65 Reports. We signed the closing Bond documents with USDA finally. Wanted to make those aware that DNR is selling off properties in Manistee Co. There is one near us in Springdale Township if anyone is interested, Linda has the parcel number. As soon as the weather turns nice Linda will get the flags at the cemetery down.

C. CLERK: We received notice that Cherryland Electric Coop denies any responsibility for the “Four Corner Wildfire” and will not pay any charges. Mark would like to research this a bit more and possibly have the board invite the coop CEO to come to our meeting to explain why they will not be responsible for paying any restitution. Amy will also check with MTA on their stance as well. We also received a letter from an insurance company claiming we are in violation for charging our cost recovery fees to persons in accidents under the no-fault laws. Amy will also forward this on to MTA to see if they can help field the questions.

D. SUPERVISOR: BOR meeting is set for Dec 12 at 6 pm. A large finalized ORV map has been ordered for the hall. Trunk-or-Treat with the Village was a huge success and a great turn out!

E. ZONING: No report

F: PLANNING: Special Use permit was issued for the gravel pit. Lawyers now have the marijuana ordinance and a final sign off is expected with its return. Lawyers will be asked to draft a letter to Twisted Trails to revoke special use permits since the contract was not signed promptly. This has been ongoing since Dec 7, 2022. A site inspection was completed at Wallace’s property in conjunction with Twisted Trails and no intrusion was seen. A site inspection with Mr. Cutler at new gravel pit was overviewed. A change in area was made to access a higher-grade quality of gravel. He presented the blueprints to planning commission.

G: MRCM: *See attached minutes*

4 bridges in the county are closed to ORV access. Request was made to allow some access points so counties can connect but denied by the MCRC board.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report.*

MI Fire fighter grant needs to have invoices for equipment reimbursement to spend the allotted \$20,000. Mark submitted two estimates and will move forward with those as well as a few others to round out the amount total. Amy will submit for the reimbursement once received before Dec 31st 2023. Annual Fire Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner is set for 12/15/23 in Nessen City School house around 630pm anyone can attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed except for the follow-up on Valencourt Rd situation and the cemetery flags.

2. **Cannabis Ordinance Review:** awaiting final approval from lawyer.
3. **Township Hall Plans:** Per Mark's suggestions and work with Jamie, a few changes made with the water piping so we have the proper hookup before the floor is poured.
4. **Township Park Project:** Received a proposal for drawings/survey of \$11,600 in preliminary work to present to EGLE. (See Attached) Dave will peruse funding/grants to possibly hep cover. Mark suggested revenue sharing grant as a possibility.
5. **Snowplow bids:** We received the bid from Milarch's to do the snowplowing for 2023-2024 season. Cost is \$55 per visit, up \$5 from last year. **Motion** by Abe Canfield, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to approve the Milarch Brothers Landscaping Nursery to snowplow for the township this 2023-24 season. AIF

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of payment for new hall project:

Motion by Abe Canfield, **seconded** by Linda Cudney to approve the payment to Milarch, Inc. in the amount of \$66,000 and \$63,645.07 to the township to cover the professional services. **Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

See Attached

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Dave: Legion is holding a Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner on Nov 11 4-6pm Free to all Veterans, \$10 for adults & \$7 for children.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Evelyn Hawkins:** What happens if permits for Twisted Trails are pulled? They have had enough time!!

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

TIME: 8:21 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for December 13th, 2023 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will follow up with property owners about the issue on Valencourt Rd and trees down. Possibly adding more signage as well.
Will contact Milarch's about the acceptance of the snow plow bid for the 2023-2024 season and get the signed copy.

Amy: Will draft a letter of support for the food pantry.
Will contact MTA about the fire issues.
Will print the updated copies of the ORV maps.

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

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