

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE JULY 14, 2021

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, Gary Porter-Trustee, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Abraham Canfield-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS: Candice, Earl W., Bill Mathes, Big John, James Smith, Pat Milliron, Barb Stanton, Mark Griner

PUBLIC COMMENT: Candice as a neighbor to the property, brought attention to the situation on Read Rd. She is asking for support from the zoning administrator and junk administrator. List of complaints covered were garbage dumping, campers with make shift structures, sewage disposal, overdosing, animal control issues, domestic violence and threats, generator noise and personal threats. Jim Smith the neighbor on the other side was also in attendance to express concern and action being taken. Candice was told to create a complaint letter officially that can hold up in court. Barb will pursue the ordinance violations. It is advised for her to also pursue DHS, CPS and local law enforcement.

Bill Mathes is building a vets retreat in Thompsonville on Betsie River Dr. He is interested in the idea of obtaining a class C licenses stacked for cannabis growing. He wants to know if the township will support this and what we would like to see happen as improvements to the township with money earned from this business plan if it were to go forward. Some quick ideas were brought up as to road repair, new grocery store, new township building etc. He has a team of growers/engineers/lawyers they are meeting on July 20th at 8pm to talk about a possible business plan. We are welcome to join as well as any community members interested. Gary may be able to join in on this meeting as our representation.

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: **Motion** by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 9th, 2021 Board Meeting minutes: **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter, to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT:

We received payments from Copemish chapter AA, GL Collections, Cemetery lot, and Metro Money.

Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to approve treasurer's report. AIF

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Payment of bills: **Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter** to accept the Payment of bills AIF.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter: Still, lots of concern about the Copemish Market. The deal did not go through as planned and is being listed again. He has heard of interest from potential buyers and is keeping us updated on the situation.

Abe Canfield: Went to the MCRC meeting... asked about speed bumps they said it was a liability in winter if not removed. They suggested a speed study be done. Abe has been researching the marijuana ordinances and found lots of potential information and even that a petition of only 14 people can put it on the ballot. More continues research to follow.

B. TREASURER: Created a thank you letter to Scott Griner for his help. Project Fresh was here this month to serve the senior population for fresh produce. Our location was the most widely used. Feeding America Truck was a success with 496 people being served. Hopefully they will be back in the fall. IT cogent notified us of a security breach with the server but it did not actually affect us. I am filling the paperwork for MDOT for 5K. I would like to get permission from the board to host the 5k begin and end at the township hall. **Roll Call Vote** for permission 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

I am currently on both boards as an officer for the Parks and Rec committee and Friends of the Trail Committee. It is hard to distinguish between the two but I will try to stay active in both. John Larsen asked that we revisit our cemetery ordinances about people burying their own as well as foundation laying. We should look at this closer the next meeting. The Copemish Days brochure is complete and will be distributed asap.

C. CLERK: Copemish Days is moving right along we are still trying to get volunteers and parade participants. See the website/Facebook for more details. Linda did a great job on the flyer. www.copemishheritagedays.wordpress.com. Twisted Trails is onboard with being in the parade and we can look forward to working with them. They have mentioned us on the air with their advertising for Copemish Days. Summit for the Regional Summit is set for Sept 16 at 8am. MTA we mentioned to Mark about the gravel pit start time reminder. Hazardous Waste event in Aug as well.

D. SUPERVISOR: Thank you to Linda for the tax newsletter and the great quality. We have received many compliments. Village newsletter is helpful as well. As far as Smart Trails that I am the chairperson of, I will resign from the officer position and just be on the board.

E. ZONING: working on permits, addresses, ZBA set for July 30. One for Carpenter's as well as two more to be added for property line issue and acreage splits.

F: PLANNING: Next meeting Aug 4 2021

G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Cleon Township Fire Dept. monthly report: *See attached*

PPE grant will give us 3 pairs of boots and 15 pairs of gloves.

Fire Dept would like use Smokey the Bear costume. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to allow fire dept to use costume in Copemish Days parade and to give rides on the truck during the event. AIF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board Member Action Plan Items:

Dave-Completed

Amy-Completed, will send thank you to Gene as he completes the signs.

Linda-Continuing to create a pandemic plan.

Gary-Continuing research on the Marijuana Ordinances and working with Bill Mathes and his network for help.

Abe- Spoke with Gene Issacson and he is working on the Rice rd. sign and soon the Faylor rd. one will start. Continuing research on the Marijuana Ordinances

2. Cemetery update: good progress on cemetery. Road bore is done and Jared is working currently on the hook up of spigots. Melissa Rathel wants to help with the cemetery and clean-up or fundraising. Dave will check into the type of faucet on the spigots. May need back flow preventers. 5 are being worked on per estimate. Also, maybe a spring return spigot might be a good idea?
3. Gary and Abe are still working on a plan to present to the board about the Marijuana Ordinances.
4. Township hall condition update: See report
Need to address now: canopy entrance, roofer to examine actual state, possible drainage for entrance. Dave and Mark will create a plan for reinforcements. As a board we need to all research funding possibilities for a potential new building. This could allow for a safe shelter area, emergency services expanded, population increase. It needs to be built for the future efficiently and economically. **Roll Call Vote** to move forward on a plan to address the building condition and potentially building a new hall. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ernie Edwards needs to be replaced for ZBA; Todd Humphrey will take his position per Barb Stanton. **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to bring Todd Humphrey on the ZBA. AIF
Current ZBA will then consist of Paul B, Walt B. and Todd H.
2. Twisted Trails is interested in providing a drop location for township residents for organic material; leaves, small branches, etc. We use these to build up the mud pit at Twisted and didn't know if this would be of interest to offer to the community. We are already working with the village to allow village residents to dispose of leaves and such with us. Please let me know if the township is interested.

- Some concerns from board would be trash dumping and how that is handled. Possibly only open certain days or times so it can be controlled. Overall, the board seemed to be open to the idea as a win win.*
3. Principals of Government Adoption **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Amy Herrst to adopt MTA's Principals of Governance. AIF The entire board signed the document.
 4. Linda would like the board to start using a program from BS &A for tax lookup that is live in real-time. **Roll Call Vote** to adopt BS&A tax public record search. 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

CORRESPONDENCE: See attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Linda: Do we like how board packets were done this month? Overall response was yes to sending out paper packets prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dave Myers, **seconded by** Abe Canfield AIF
TIME: 8:30 PM

Next meeting scheduled for August 11, 2021 at 7pm.
Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave:
Work with Mark on a plan for the state of the building and immediate repairs.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Amy:
Send Gene Issacson a "Thank You" note for cemetery signs.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Linda:
Will continue creating a pandemic action plan for our township.
Will check with USDA on the building loan and what needs to be done to move forward with a new building possibility.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Gary:
Continue researching marijuana ordnances and contact with Bill Mathes and his team.
Research ideas for funding a new township hall.

Abe:

Attend the next Manistee Co Rd Commission meeting August 10th, 2021.
Continue researching marijuana ordnances.

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