

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

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: Evelyn Hawkins, Todd Humphrey, DTE Rep Chris Cole, Marlene and Ron Robinson, Kayla Russell, Pat Milliron

PUBLIC COMMENT: DTE: presented the “Natural Gas Expansion Proposal and Franchise Request” Chris went through the presentation and took questions from the board and public. They are asking for a letter of resolution of support for natural gas and assigned franchise agreement. *See attached handout.*

Marlene Robinson: Would like to be reappointed as the township rep for the Betsie Valley District Library. We will need to back date this to March of 2022.

Kayla Russell: Is visiting as a rep from Honor Bank. She wants to be involved in the community and wanted to introduce herself.

Evelyn Hawkins: Is still concerned about the campers on Read Rd/Yates Rd. She is willing to put forth a formal complaint if we can get word from the attorney that it will make action happen.

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: Amend: Under New Business #6 we need to add the approval and signature of the Manistee County Project Support Grant Agreement for the ARPA funds that were awarded to Cleon Township.

Motion by Gary Porter, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 10, 2022 board meeting minutes **by** Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield, to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT:

We received \$17 from Commercial Forrest, \$16653 from State Revenue Sharing, 3 land use permit fees, and 3 FD service call fees. We closed the debt account. We have received good interest from the MBIA investments. \$405 General and \$217 Fire.

Motion by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Gary Porter to approve treasurer’s report. AIF

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter:

Abe Canfield:

B. TREASURER: Lambda will be coming on Tues the 20th 11-3pm to rent the hall. Food truck will be in Copemish on Sept 23 at 11am. Cemetery Flags will come down at end of the month. SMARTrails got a grant for the extension of the trail from Thompsonville to Copemish.

C. CLERK: I would like to present to the board a letter from Michelle Tinoco asking for dismissal of the fire call to her residence on 6/26/22. I ask for a motion to dismiss.

Motion by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Amy Herrst to dismiss charges. **AIF**

D. SUPERVISOR: New spigot was installed at the cemetery on south end by Jared Milarch. Flags at cemetery have been lowered to half mass for a duration of time that Dave will look into. Dave will also shut off the water at end of the month and put trash receptacles in the mausoleum for the winter.

E. ZONING: 3 building permits issued.

F: PLANNING: Marijuana Ordinance from attorney with edits were approved and adopted and now will be sent back for final approval. County planning will be notified with the ordinances after they are returned. To be followed by public hearing. Donna Humphrey from Twisted Trails is waiting on word from the lawyers and permits from the state about the campground. As of now it is not zoned for commercial pertains to the grocery store further discussion will take place after permits have been received and special use permit will be updated. *See PC minutes attached.*

G: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See report attached.* Illegal burn needs more info to bill. Mark noted the presence at the Copemish Days Parade and water bottles given to people went over very well. Lots of great support from the community on the bond proposal. Also, Ariel Greene from the News Advocate has been a given us great publicity. Revenue Sharing Grant Cycle I will be completed by next week. Cycle II has been submitted and is due to deliberated Dec/Jan.

H: MRCM:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed.
- 2. Cannabis Ordinance Review:** No new updates. Planning commission is still awaiting the final draft of ordinances from lawyers. Then will go to county planning.
- 3. Township Hall Plans:** Springdale Twp. has committed to support of the new fire hall and Mark is actively looking for other funding sources to assist in the build.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. DTE Natural Gas Expansion-** Mark would like to have Dave include a part in the franchise agreement about hooking up the Fire Hall for free if we sign it. He will

work with Dave on what to include to the attorney to approve when he looks over said agreement.

2. Renewing the Recycling agreement with Manistee Co. (TABLED)
3. Marlene Robinson, Reappointed to BV District Library Board
4. L4029- Amy will confirm the changes with equalization.
Motion by Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to accept the L4029 certificate with changes noted, 1.5 operating and expiration of the previous .61 bond proposal.
Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye's 0 Nay's
5. Township Website policy- with the boards backing Amy will look into a website policy to be used for what link affiliates we may promote. **Motion by** Gary Porter, **seconded by** Abe Canfield allow creation of a website use policy. AIF
6. ARPA County Contract- **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to sign and accept the Manistee County Project Support Grant Agreement. **Roll Call Vote:** 5 Aye's 0 Nay's

CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Linda-will check with Jim Mori about coming to do the yearly check on the furnaces.

Also, should we get bids for propane with the rising cost of Stevens?

Abe will do the leg work of getting bids from 5 local sources. Our current propane level is at 45% and Amy will call Steven's tomorrow and place a hold on any refills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Milliron would like to request access to a land locked property on behalf of the Legion. He will get us this request in writing to consider.

Mark wanted to note he may be getting a good discount on equipment surplus from Consumers Energy.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by** Gary Porter, **seconded by** Amy Herrst AIF

TIME: 8:23 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for October 12th, 2022 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will contact the attorney pertaining to the DTE franchise agreement. He will include the changes we would like to see after consulting with Mark.

Will check on the timeline of how long to lower flag at cemetery.

Will put away the trash receptacles for the winter and shut off water at cemetery by end of month.

Amy: Will back date Marlene Robinson's reappointment to the BV library board and mail.

Will send Evelyn another email with complaint form.

Will research the website policy.

Will contact Steven's to stop propane delivery.

Will send the L4029 to equalization.

Linda: Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan.
Will take the cemetery flags down by the end of the month.
Will contact Jim Mori to check the furnaces for winter.
Will open account with Co ARPA grant funds for new hall.

Abe: Will contact propane companies for bids for the coming 2022-23 season.