

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE NOVEMBER 09, 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, Bob and Marilyn Edginton, Earl Witkop.

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: Amend Agenda: Vacating Imhoff Dr under Public Comment.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Griner filled us in on the previous situation of Imhoff Dr. We had asked Revenue Sharing to help fix the road but since it was a county road technically and under Village jurisdiction, they could not help fund us to repair it. Mark researched the law and comparable cases citing one from Pinkney, MI where they proceeded with a similar process. So, by petition of the people or resolution of a governing body the Village could turn over ownership of the road. If this were to happen, we could then go to Revenue Sharing and ask for help again. Mark has offered to work with Dave and take input to the Village council on the township's behalf.

Evelyn Hawkins: Wanted to bring up the Park and Sell owned by Dennis Myers. It has become a blight violation with junk and no longer being used for it's intended purpose. It was made clear that this property is indeed a village property and will need to be addressed with them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 12th, 2022 board meeting minutes **by** Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Gary Porter, to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

TREASURERS REPORT:

We received to the general fun State Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$17,000. We had two hall rentals (\$70) by Lambda next one is set for Dec 20. We had land use permits charges and plots and burial charges as well. Lambda paid their fire service charge of \$450. Milarch's received their final payment for mowing. A new account was opened to deposit the ARPA county money received for the new building. We already earned \$11 in

interest on it. We also received interest on investments \$574 to general fund and \$307 to fire fund.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Abe Canfield to accept with Budget Amendments/Payment of Bills. AIF

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter:

Abe Canfield: First responder helps to down tree at cemetery. Thank you, Abe!

B. TREASURER: Will be working on newsletter and taxes coming out Dec 1st. Board members should get info for newsletter to her soon. We will include a snippet about the Legion Christmas party. Feeding America food truck is set to come again on Jan 20, 2023. Linda made a binder for the office with the County address ordinance and Master Road index. CM Rubber is no longer and is being replaced with Geocycle. We will check to see if they will accommodate us for clean-up day. Whistle Stop Childcare in Thompsonville will be having a community Thanksgiving along with BVCC on Nov 21 and would like to borrow tables for the event with the board's permission. All in agreement to lend the tables.

C. CLERK: Great voter turnout this election. We had around 50% of registered voters cast votes. Went really smooth with no hiccups, busy from open to close of the polls. Mike Schmitt has submitted a letter asking if he could have his fire charge be dismissed. Mark concurred that since he made effort to communicate with the board, he would advise a dismissal. **Motion by Amy Herrst, seconded by Gary Porter** to dismiss Mike Schmitt's Fire charge invoice #3769 in the amount of \$450.00. **Roll Call: All Aye's No Nay's**

D. SUPERVISOR: Due to a strong wind storm on Nov 5th a tree in the cemetery came down causing damage to the fence and uprooting. Jared Milarch will give us a quote to see if he can repair the damage done. Also, the flag pole at the Brethren Cemetery snapped in half and needs to be replaced. Amy got it back up but only half the size it was before. Dave will look into purchasing a new one as donation if under \$500. Still waiting on the signed snow plow contract/insurance from Jared as well.

E. ZONING: A land use permit for Twisted Trails was issued for the pole building. Otherwise, many calls coming in about property questions but no other permits have been issued.

F: PLANNING: See PC minutes attached. Public hearing was held prior to the meeting. It only addressed the campground, septic and bath house. No grocery store talk at this

point because the lawyers need to meet first to work out the legalities of the zoning. The marijuana ordinance is still awaiting final approval from the lawyer.

G: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Revenue Sharing Grant meeting; They have about 161K to give out we should be getting some. Mon Oct 31st the Cleon Firetruck was in the village near the park passing out candy to 65 Trick or Treaters. Fire Safety Prevention at BV also took place Oct 31. Mark would like to receive and pay for any cemetery related costs for Betty Million who recently passed. Her celebration of life will be on Nov 12.

H: MRCM: *See attached minutes*

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:** We are now waiting on USDA to finalize the loan process. Josh Shields has completed a forest timber inspection on 11/3/22. He gave us options to look at for tree harvesting.
- 4. Website Policy Examples:** Amy created a final draft of the Website Policy. *See attached.* **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Gary Porter to adopt the new website policy.
- 5. DTE: We have a final copy of the franchise agreement returned from our attorney. Motion by** Gary Porter, **seconded by** Amy Herrst to adopt the DTE Franchise Agreement with **Ordinance No: 2022-11-09. Roll Call: All Aye's No Nay's**

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: *See attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Evelyn Hawkins: Referring back to the "tent city" (Read Rd) issue previously brought up... Why do we have ordinances if they are not enforceable? Why can it not be done without public complaints involved?? Barb did mention that property has now come under new ownership and campers can be allowed for 6 months from transfer date. This will put the time frame to expire in April/May of 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by** Abe Canfield, **seconded by** Gary Porter **AIF**

TIME: 8:10 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for December 14th, 2022 at 7 PM
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave: Will follow up with Jared and get snow plow contract signed.
Will work with Mark Griner and the Village to follow up on vacating Imhoff Dr.
Will look into purchasing a new flag pole for the Brethren Cemetery.
Will get a quote to fix the fence and ground at the Cleon Township cemetery for the insurance company.

Amy: Will post the Cleon Township website policy on the website.

Linda: Will continue to facilitate the process for the new USDA Loan.

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