

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DATE OCTOBER 12, 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:** Karla Smith-Kasten, Manistee Recycling Coordinator

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karla Smith-Kasten-As the county coordinator she has presented to the board the numbers of recycling from last year and asked for a signed contract for the next 2 yrs. The cost will be \$18 per residential parcel per year. GFL has been great to work with and supplied all new dumpsters. **Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter** to accept the 2yr contract at \$18 per parcel with the County Recycle Program. **AIF.** Contract has been signed by supervisor.

**SET / AMEND THE AGENDA:** Amend Agenda: Add Special Board meeting from 9/14/22 and Election Commission minutes from 10/12/22 to be approved.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 14th, 2022 board meeting minutes **by Linda Cudney, seconded by Abe Canfield,** to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special board meeting minutes **by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter,** to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Election Commission meeting minutes **by Linda Cudney, seconded by Gary Porter,** to accept the meeting minutes. **AIF**

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

We received reimbursement from Fire and Cemetery for AF audit adjustment, US Treasury refund from taxes 2021, land use permit, 2 service charges for fire, 1 burial, and interest.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**Budget Amendments:** Amend Cemetery budget transfer \$111 from 209-890 into 338-726 and totaling \$1900; \$1000 from 338-929 into 338-801 and \$900 from 209-890 into 338-801. Move county ARPA money into an interest-bearing account.

**Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to accept with Budget Amendments/ Payment of Bills Roll Call: All Aye's No Nay's**

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**A. TRUSTEES**

**Gary Porter:**

**Abe Canfield:** Propane bids as follows: Fisher @1.99, Coyne @ 1.89 1<sup>st</sup> then 1.99, BP 1.79 with a \$60 annual monitor. **Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to accept bid from Blarney Castle in Bear Lake.**

Amy will contact and set up tank exchanges with the help of Abe.

**B. TREASURER:** Lambda will be coming on Oct 18 and Dec 20 11-3pm to rent the hall again. Jim Mori and Co came and checked furnace and recommend new filters. F65 and Qualifying Statement done by Corrina. USDA interest rate went up to 3.5%. L-4029 may need to be adjusted next year according to the municipal advisor. Linda will look into it. When USDA does approve our loan, we need a letter of conditions to lock the rate n officially. RESCOM is complete with the environmental and total cost is \$1800. We need a copy of their w-9 and insurance.

**C. CLERK:** *County Summit report see attached notes. Consumers Dam meeting see attached notes.* I will not be in office Mon Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. Election will use same setup as Aug.

**D. SUPERVISOR:** Received an estimate for Milarch's snow plowing \$50 per removal. **Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to accept bid from Milarch's to do the snow removal.** Dave will contact Jared and Amy will send the updated contract to Dave. Cemetery all winterized and complete. Linda will finish remaining flag removal soon. Recent inquires about noise and target practice. Noise ordinance excludes these incidents. Dave and others from the Village are actively researching the unincorporating of the village council. Township would then assume more responsibilities. 2/3 vote needed from both village and township. Only in the research phase as of now.

**E. ZONING:**

**F: PLANNING:** *See PC minutes attached.* Todd also attended the Colfax/Village Thompsonville Joint Planning Commission meeting due to the gravel pit proposed by Elmer's that would border Cleon Township. A geologist presented an ecological study conducted to recommend against the gravel pit. Todd also obtained a copy of their mining ordinance to use to help update our own.

**G: FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *See report attached.* Revenue Sharing Grant meeting; They have about 161K to give out and about 191K was requested. Springdale will plan on helping at some point with the new hall. Mark would like to request a \$10K grant from Schmuckle Family Foundation for fire equipment. **Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to allow Mark to apply for the grant from the Schmuckle Family Foundation.** Fire Dept will purchase a new monitor for office from budgeted office supplies. Amy will prepare the snowmobile contract for 2022-23 season. Mark will research the Imhoff Dr situation and how to get control of it from the village. Mon Oct 31<sup>st</sup> the Cleon Firetruck will be in the village near the park passing out candy. Fire Safety

Prevention at BV will take place Oct 27 10am. Electric vehicle recovery will be addressed in 2023 after state has made its recommendations for training.

*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:** Fred is continuing work but slowly as we need to finalize USDA first. Josh Shields has set apt for forest timber inspection 11/3/22 at 2pm.
4. **Website Policy Examples:** Amy will take the suggested parts and create a draft for next meeting.
5. **DTE:** Waiting to hear back from attorney on the proposed franchise agreement changes.
6. **Manistee County Recycle Program:** Signed the 2 yr. contract. *See attached*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Twisted Trails Liquor License Transfer Request:  
Can you obtain the license with no store existing? What does “mixed spirits” mean? Is the license for beer and wine only or liquor as well? Local Law enforcement opinion should be included. Dave will create an official response from the township.
2. Third Quarter Financials: **Motion by** Linda Cudney, **seconded by** Abe Canfield to accept the third quarter financials **Roll Call: All Aye’s No Nay’s**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

MTA will hold it’s last meeting of the year in Manistee Twp on Oct 26 @7pm  
Lots of inquiry on tiny houses and ordinance regulations. As of now it is at 400 sq ft.  
Manistee county’s new 911 director is Matt Machen and new grant writer is Bill Kennis.  
We should put a picture of the county ARPA check on the Cleon website.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Todd researched it a bit and found that the land locked property belonging to the Legion is accessible via the village property as deeded. Also, the Plomondan’s who use the easement driveway off of Imhoff Dr. Have a deed easement from Aaron O’Shea’s property behind the old bar.

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

**TIME: 8:54 PM**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for November 9th, 2022 at 7 PM  
Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

### **BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:**

**Dave:** Will contact Jared and get snow plow contract signed.  
Will follow up with the attorney and the DTE Franchise Agreement.  
Will create an official response to the Twisted Trails Liquor License request.

**Amy:** Will Contact Blarney Castle to set up propane account.  
Will pull the snow plow contract and snowmobile contracts.  
Will post on website ARPA check photo.  
Will make a flyer for Halloween Trick or treat with the fire dept.  
Will schedule the Fire Prevention assembly with the school for Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am.  
Will finalize a draft of the Cleon Township website policy.

**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 open account with Co ARPA grant funds for new hall.

**Abe:** Will continue to help with the propane switch over process.

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