

**CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE MAY 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor, Joe Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.at the Cleon Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Board Members present: Joe Carpenter-Supervisor, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Linda Cudney -Treasurer, Todd Humphrey-Trustee, Abe Canfield-Trustee

GUESTS and /or VISITORS:

Cleon Fire Department: Mark Griner and Dave Saunders

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SET / AMEND THE AGENDA: Motion by Amy Herrst, supported by Todd Humphrey to set the agenda. AIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 15, 2026 Board meeting minutes

TREASURERS REPORT: *See attached*

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS: *See attached for bills*

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Todd Humphrey: Nothing to report

Abe Canfield: Nothing to report

B. TREASURER: Par Plan sent us a dividend check for being members. Linda will contract with the village to collect summer taxes. We received a payment from the state that is to be used for 75% law enforcement/ 25% fire (\$591.25) Springdale and Village also go these and can possibly contribute to the fire dept. County sent out an abatement ad for cleaning up the burnt house on Cadillac Hwy.

C. CLERK: Working on L-4029, printed the natural beauty guidelines to keep on file, adjusting the fee schedule for cemetery and will present at next board meeting.

D. SUPERVISOR: Nothing to report

E. ZONING: 2 land use permits. She is still sending out blight letters to township residents that need to utilize clean-up day.

F: PLANNING: Jeff requested that Networks Northwest come to the next meeting to explain more on child care ordinance changes. County will cover the costs of changes and publishing. Jeff presented what he gathered from MTA Conference. A letter was drafted to Twisted Trails for compliance with camping permits. Talk of data center ordinances. Working still on master plan.

G: MRCM: Very busy due to the roads after storms and the recent State of Emergency for Manistee Co. Total of 12 in rain gathered from storm reports. So far \$230,000 repairs soon to be \$300,000 just to get back to working. Cost of 3 to 6 million to cover all damage repairs in Manistee Co. FEMA could take up to a year to kick in, meaning bridges will be out for the foreseeable future.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: *See attached report*

Pentwater accepted the offer for the fire truck we wanted. The invoice will be sent soon with the VIN number for insurance. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to cash in the fire CDs at Nicolet Bank to cover the cost of the new fire truck.

Roll Call: All Ayes; Zero Nays. Motion passed. Travis is still pursuing the fire academy in Benzie County to become certified. One of the county radios was lost in a run and will need to be repaired and possible insurance claim. Fire dept is working on moving equipment from old building to the new. Paul Olson needs to know what the other building should be insured at now? Linda will ask for a range of premiums based on numbers. Mark is stepping down as Fire Association President. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey to move all but \$1 from the captain line to the secretary line to cover extra admin work on cost recovery paperwork. AIF.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
- 2. Township Hall Plans:** Final USDA architect pictures were sent today. Waiting on bond payment issue and final payment. All state inspectors have signed of and inspections passed. We need to think about a water softener. A new lock was put on fire doors. Utility closet is now equipped with shelving. Generator needs to be moved over. Blarney Castle needs to relocate the propane tank. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **supported** by Abe Canfield to have the supervisor approach MR Products about the possible rental of the old building. AIF
- 3. Cemetery Updates:** Water is turned on. Garbage can is out. Some down trees/brush need clearing. A few headstones need to be fixed as well. The flag at Brethren Cemetery may need replacing again.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. New hall rental form agreements-** We will present the final changes at next board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: *See Attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: **Linda:** Village will be putting out flags for the 250th 4th of July on 115. They want Linda to ask for donations in the newsletter.

Amy: Can we consider a sign for the township? Possibly repropose the old sign??

MTA Dinner May 27

Clean Up Day Jun 6

Legion Fish Fry June 29th

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Bob Hawkins:** When considering a water softener go with analog and not digital. Avoid Culligan.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **supported by** Abe Canfield **AIF**
TIME: 8:22 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2026 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Joe: Will communicate weekly with Jamie Milarch and Fred Campbell about the status of the new construction. He will report back to the board at regular meetings.

Will write meet with Mark and Mike McGirr about mutual aid decision in the next few weeks.

Will talk to Ryan at MR Products about the rental of the old building.

Amy: Will mat and frame the cemetery map.

Linda: Will continue to be the liaison for the new Fire Station/ Township offices.

Abe: Will help clear trees at the cemetery.