

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DATE JULY 15, 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: **Dave Myers, Susan Shingleton (Graham)-** Fire Invoice from 11/25 wanted to ask to board to forgive the fee for illegal burn. She stated her case and the board decided based on the input from fire chief and details presented to make a motion to dismiss. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve the revised fee schedule. AIF

Cleon Fire Department: Mark Griner, Ruth Griner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 17, 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: Abe contacted Ken Gruess about the cleanup needed to be done from clean-up day site but it had already been taken care of. Next year we will need to be a bit timelier on the clean-up aftermath.

B. TREASURER: See attached report. Linda needs permission to use the hall on Aug 15 for a SMARTrails after event.

C. CLERK: Early voting for Aug primary starts on July 25th-Aug 2nd in Onokama at the Farr Center 830am-430pm. Also on Election Day, Aug 4, you can vote at Cleon Twp Hall 7am-8pm.

D. SUPERVISOR: BOR is set for 7/21/26 6pm. Update on the new building: Jamie will have everything done by our next meeting in Aug. He needs to meet with Mark on specifics that need to be taken care of. Any questions we can call him. He should have the change order to us by next week.

E. ZONING: 2 land use permits.

F: PLANNING: No meeting this month. Joe spoke with a person from Grant twp. about the data center issues and he may possibly come to a meeting to talk about what other surrounding areas are doing as well. Jeff and Barb will be able to share at the Aug meeting what they learned from a webinar about data centers.

G: MRCM: grading, mowing, crack filling, hot patching, 2nd round of brining happening. Lots more trees are down from strong winds. High Bridge Rd may be able to open to one lane by September. Culvert work and bridge repair needed in multiple places. M-55 project is almost complete.

H: FIRE DEPARTMENT: See attached report. NERIS training was done at last meeting. Springdale board is considering helping the Cleon Fire department with some extra costs that the new fire truck has incurred. They will decide by next meeting. Mark would like permission to use the building on Aug 2. The fire department needs to be present in the Copemish Heritage Days parade, at the fireworks and help with the traffic control for 5K. The board would like to approve at least 10 hours of work for that so we can have a presence in the community and for safety. **Motion** by Todd Humphrey, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve the fire department to work Copemish Days up to 10 hours. AIF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board Member Action Plan Items:** all action plan items completed or in process of completion.
- 2. Township Hall Plans:** Appraiser Doug Parks is going to come and assess the old building. He gave us 3 options based on how much we want to invest in the process at this time. The board would like him to give his opinion appraisal for \$300 to see where we can go from there. **Motion** by Amy Herrst, **seconded** by Todd Humphrey to approve the opinion appraisal. AIF
- 3. Natural Beauty Roads:** We do have an ordinance that states it was adopted and approved by the Manistee Co Road Commission to up hold in Sep 2002. In accordance with the complaints the road commission was not diligent in removing the trees properly. Todd will speak with Keith Moore about the process and find out more for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Quarterly Budget Financial Review:** **Motion** by Linda Cudney, **seconded** by Abe Canfield to approve the adjustment of the fire budget to add \$30,000 to the

Capitol outlay from the CD's that were cashed in and to accept the budget otherwise as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** All Aye's, zero nays. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: *See Attached*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Joe: Legion Fish Fry July 24

Also, the cemetery flags are fixed temporarily. We may be getting a donation to put up a new one to replace the old one at the main cemetery.

Linda: Copemish Heritage Days is set for July 31-Aug 2

Abe: Will not be able to attend the Aug board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Todd Humphrey, supported by Abe Canfield AIF

TIME: 8:25PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Aug 19, 2026 at 7 PM

Minutes taken by Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN: