

**ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING  
OF  
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP  
LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tim Stein at 10:00 a.m. Present on roll call were Todd Nowak, Tim Stein, Jan Nowak, Angie Diotte and Tanelle Budd.

Present from the public were Rick Royston, Nello Valentine, Eric Carlson, Dean Manikas, Gwenne & Len Allgaier, and Tricia Denton.

**Annual Meeting:**

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from March 21, 2020, annual meeting and Budget Hearing-

**Motion by Jan Nowak and seconded by Todd Novak to approve the March 20, 2020 annual meeting and budget hearing minutes as modified. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried**

**A.) Supervisors Annual Report- Tim Stein:**

- **Update on Sugarloaf-** Removed violation notice of blight ordinance with new owners. Received a press release that was sent out to the township officials and several newspapers, 3/18/21. Owner of Sugar Loaf announced pre-demo work was completed; moving forward will full demolition of the hotel to take place later this year. Owners are expected to receive bids for full demo work, weather permitting along with local landfill capacity issues.
- **Update on Status of Cedar Area Fire and Rescue Department- Rick Royston:** The Chief had to tend to a fire this morning and couldn't make the meeting. Synopsis: as of Dec 31, 2020, the fire department has 7 full time employees and 10 paid on-call. Total emergency calls for 2020 were 575, 405 were EMS and 239 were transported. Cleveland had 113 of those calls. Total fire loss was 1.1 million; the concrete plant was a large number of that. Training hours were down during this year due to COVID and many classes being cancelled. Delivery of new fire truck was a big deal. Dana mentioned for first time in four years there was enough money to pay bills by April 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to first quarter revenue payments not in yet. Money is usually very tight, as a reminder we make the second most calls and cover the second largest land area in Leelanau, and still operating on the thinnest budget. This shows the job of the Chief and how well he operates with in those budget constraints. Medic class is starting through Munson on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Update from Leelanau County Road Commission re: CR669 and also Little Traverse Lake Road- Tim Stein:** Relative to Country Rd 669 there has been a few

sessions talking about how exactly we're going to approach this project, which is the result of a FLAP grant, federal land access grant. Cleveland and the county will do matching funds of \$50,000 a piece; \$75,000 was in the budget just in case that number goes higher than what we anticipated. The original plan is to utilize a wedge application similar to Townline Rd. Relative to Little Traverse Lake Rd, this appears to be a more detailed project, because a wedge application won't work according to the Road Commission. There is too much wetland/bogs, and many of the ditches may need to be reconstructed. A lot of water sets on the road, and with freezing and contracting, lots of chunks of asphalt break off causing problems. The estimate for this project looks like \$500,000 to fix, and to make it happen sometime soon Cleveland Township would have to come up with half of that to move to the front of the line. No decisions made, but things do need to be done. Request from residents also near Lime Lake Rd is in bad repair also. Move that into later this year or early 2022.

- **Update and Review of Action Plan on Proposed Route of Segment 9 of the SBHT-** Back in May 2019, Township passed resolution approving the proposed route of Segment 9, contingent on the addition of a bike path on the west side 669 to Good Harbor Bay. It is noted and it will happen, but right now we are tied up with getting an actual plan from MDOT on the trail. They need to have an engineered plan on the road before fundraising can happen. Did receive an email from Julie Clark, Managing Director of the Tart Trail, best thought was to utilize OHM, who can work directly with the Township, MDOT, and park service to design the trail without the easements necessary to have. Some of the residents whose property would be encroached are not interested in having the trail there. There needs to be a better way to footprint the trail as to least impact the land owners. Tim is working on getting appraisals done on those who have agreed to put easements on their properties. Until a lot of that is done the park service has been reluctant to get the trail done; they want a plan in place before starting an environmental assessment.

**B.) Citizen Comments and Discussion- Tricia Denton:** Cleveland Township resident, Maple City Rd- 2018 the Michigan voters passed a proposal to establish the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission. The group is tasked with redrawing the districting lines for the state of Michigan. New concept of Communities of Interest, which Tricia believes Cleveland Township should be a part of.

- a. As a resident of Cleveland, recognizing critical roles water plays, she has been working with townships to support an enhanced zoning overlay district for the GL Crystal River Watershed- regarding proposed overlay districts for that watershed.
- b. Would like to discuss adding septic locations to a map that the county equalization department can utilize and make public.

**Nello Valentine-** Little Traverse Lake Rd re-design is a great idea, but is concerned that the Road Commission might get carried away with tree cutting and ditches. There is a proposed parking lot of M22 and he thinks it would be better access and safer off of County Rd 669.

**Gweene Allgaier-** She would like to increase cell service by having a tower in Cleveland Twp. Next, Cleveland Township is going to get \$100,000 and would like to see some of that money go toward the Health Department completion of septic mapping study.

**Chat sent from Len Allgaier-** “Rescuer fund money be used: When expected spring rains hit our watershed, runoff from over 25 square miles fed by steep slopes will accumulate in Little Traverse Lake raising our water level (which is already 1 1/2 to 2 feet higher than historical levels), invading our septic field isolation distance even more than it does now. Can some of the Recovery funding be used to hire a grant writer to obtain funding for bridging the original 30 foot wide outlet that historically protected the lake. Compromised septics effecting well safety seems to fall within the uses stipulated for those funds.”

**Gweene-** high water levels are a chronic problem with springs rains, so perhaps we can put some funding toward that issues?

**Tim-** As soon as he finds out how \$102,000 he'll start planning.

**Gweene-** County is going to get an advisor, maybe they will help advise the township too.

**Tim-** Wait and see if the county will allow the advisor. We're not sure on how we will acquire the money, need to dig into this further. High water levels have been a concern for many years. The Goslin Report gave enough information on the types of protocols for beaver dam removal and I had submitted a letter to the national park services on protecting land values around the lake, which makes a huge portion of funding for Cleveland Township.

**Gweene-** The Goslin Report maintains a lake level of 1-2 feet higher than historically, which is causing problems with septics and yards flooding. Quality of life and home values are being diminished.

**Tricia Denton-** disagree that beavers are the issue, there should be more than adequate capacity to hold enough water. Issue is with engineering and the placing of culverts at end of Little Traverse Lake Rd, which prevents the water from spreading across the land. Until a span is installed to spread out rather than be constricted, regardless of the beavers, it won't be fixed.

### **C.) 2020/21 Salary Resolutions**

- i. Review recommended salaries for elected officials in fiscal year 2020/21-  
Supervisor: \$12,500, Clerk: \$16,500, Treasurer: \$16,500 Trustees: \$125 per meeting
- ii. Review and motion

**Motion of the public by Gweene Allgaier and seconded by Tricia Denton to approve the Salary Resolutions. Motion passed on a voice vote.**

**D.) Planning Commission Annual Report Update and Review – Dean Manikas:**

Everything with the planning commission is revolving around the Master Plan, which has been implemented as a main goal to keep actively updating. Going to continue to tune ordinances toward the Master Plan, such as water quality, scenic views, and park services.

**E.) Zoning Administration- Nello Valentine:** Many citizens and outsiders like our ordinances and find them simple and straightforward. Annual figures: 13 new single family homes, 7 new storage building, and 6 miscellaneous structures, like additions/decks, equaling 26 total projects. Estimated cost is \$1,000,000 more than last year and according to the assessor, Julie Krombeen, it increases taxable value by \$1,816,000.

**Motion by Angie Diotte and seconded by Gweene Allgaier to adjourn annual meeting at 10:52 am. Motion passed on a voice vote**

**Budget Hearing and Purposed Budget:**

- a. Review Proposed 2021/22 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget
- b. Twp. Taxable Value 124+ million- 5.76% increase from 2020
- c. Key Revenue Items
  - i. .5737 GOA
  - ii. 2.00mil Fire/Emergency
  - iii. State Revenue Sharing
  - iv. 1% Property Tax Administration Fee
  - v. PILT Monies-
- d. Key Expense Items (i.e. Fire/Emergency Services)
  - i. Fire/Emergency Services
  - ii. Wages
  - iii. Professional Services
  - iv. Roads
- e. Restate/Review Total Revenue versus Total Expense
  - i. Revenue \$467,233 vs Expenditures \$466,377

**Consideration of Motion to Approve 2021-2022 General Fund Budget as presented –**

**Motion by Jan Nowak and seconded by Angie Diotte to approve the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Todd Nowak and seconded by Angie Diotte to pay the March-end bills. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Todd and seconded by Jan Nowak to adjourn budget hearing meeting at 11:01 am. Ayes: 5 , Nays: 0. Motion carried.**