## TOWN of CLEVELAND Marathon County, Wisconsin

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# **FALL 2021** Newsletter

We have really enjoyed a nice summer this year. We hope that you have enjoyed some outdoor activities with family and friends.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, November 9 • 6:30 p.m. Budget Hearing and Levy Limit Vote

Second Tuesday of each month Town Board Meeting



## From the Chairman

Town of Cleveland residents,

Fall and winter are fast approaching as we have wrapped our 2021 roadway improvements. We are also planning for road projects for 2022, and our town highway committee continues efforts to develop a longer vision for roadway improvements throughout the township.

In 2021, we made improvements on the following town roads and other infrastructure improvements (\$190K):

- 1. **Rock Road** Gravel was applied to a large portion of Rock Road.
- 2. **Eau Pleine Road** Gravel was added to the road, especially on hills and spots where the gravel base was losing its effectiveness.
- 3. **Edgewater Subdivision** We placed a double chip seal on approximately 2-miles of pavement on Edgewater Drive and Riviera Drive to address ongoing deterioration. This improvement will ensure the longevity of the existing pavement.
- 4. **Town Hall Parking Lot** We paved the parking lot at the town hall. The County crew was able to apply it after their work was done on Highway P and Highway M.
- 5. **Town Garage** We improved the access to the dumpsters which has improved traffic flow at the town garage.
- 6. **Balsam Road (Spindler Bridge)** This summer we placed a polymer overlay on the Spindler Bridge. The

polymer overlay will help prolong the life of the concrete bridge deck and minimize future concrete repairs.

7. **Balsam Road (east of County M)** – We completed improvements to excavate and backfill soft spots and clean ditches from County M to River Road. There are old materials (poor soils, wood, etc.) that were buried under this roadway over time. Drain tile was put in and drain tile that was previously there was unplugged and allowed to drain. We will continue to monitor the performance of these improvements and identify any additional areas that need to be repaired.

Our plans for 2022 include improvements on the following town roads (\$178K - \$188K):

- 1. **Wiesman Road** from Schnelle Road to approximately 1/4-mile south. Repair soft spots with improved road base and surface gravel. The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$40,000.
- 2. Schnelle Road at approximately 1/2-mile east of Wiesman Road. An estimated 80-foot section of roadway will be repaired by excavating and refilling to eliminate a soft spot. The estimate for this project is approximately \$5,000.
- 3. **Big Rapids Road** from the intersection of County M to the west. We plan to reconstruct an approximate 350-foot section of road to improve the poor underlying materials for an estimated cost of \$13,000.

4. **Maryel Drive** from the intersection with Elroy Street to the boat landing (approximately 1/4-mile). The project includes digging up soft spots, placing new road base, adding drain tile where needed, and placing a new gravel surface. The project is anticipated to cost around \$40,000.

 Eau Pleine Road culvert replacement approximately 1/2-mile west of Rangeline Road. The cost for this project is estimated at \$30,000.

6. Balsam Road (west of County M) – As the highest trafficked town road, we continue to require maintenance of the gravel surface. We are proposing to explore improvements to add a hard surface to aid in reducing gravel and other maintenance costs.

- We are proposing to complete a double chip seal improvement on Balsam Road from County M to the east for approximately 8/10-mile. The estimated cost of this project is \$50,000 to \$70,000.
- Our goal with this project is to test and verify that all of Balsam Road from County M to Schuette Road could hold up to a hard surface improvement such as a double chip seal or asphaltic surface.
- Our assessment of this improvement test section will happen during the summer of 2024. If the improvement is successful, we will plan additional road surfacing improvements for all of Balsam Road from County M to Schuette Road.
- 7. Balsam Road (east of County M) In spring of 2022, we will be doing road inspections to assess if the

improvements that were made in 2021 adequately handle the winter/ spring freeze-thaw cycle. We may also identify additional soft spots that need to be repaired.

Our 3-year plan is to continue to identify road improvements which address poor underlying materials (soft spots) and address drainage needs in ditches and culverts. We will also continue to evaluate hard pavement surfaces (double chip seal, asphalt surface, etc.) when roadways warrant. Proactively maintaining our roads will help to keep them safe and ensure they hold up to traffic demands.

Please know that road maintenance and improvements are a necessary part of town governance and comes with a cost. For 2021, the town board did exercise its authority to borrow the funds for these projects and will pay this off in 2022, pending the passing of the upcoming levy vote in November. At the current equalized value, a loan of \$200K for road improvements will cost the tax payer \$1.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value of their current property.

We have been holding town highway committee meetings almost every month before our monthly town board meeting to discuss road needs and identify investments need to happen. If you any thoughts on our roadways, our committee would welcome your input.

I would like to extend my thanks to Jeff Lappe, Stephanie Christensen, and Glenn Kafka for their input on plans to improve our town roads.

Thanks, Kurt Jochimsen, Chairman



## From the Office of the Clerk

#### **Budget Hearing and Levy Limit Vote**

The Town Board has prepared the budget for 2022. The annual budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:45 p.m. This is the time where the board presents the 2022 budget to the public. Immediately following this public hearing, the residents from the Town of Cleveland will vote on the 2021 Tax Levy (to be collected in 2022).

**BUDGET SUMMARY** 

Assuming that the levy passes on November 9, 2021, the Town Board will vote that same evening in its regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting to adopt the 2022 budget.

Please remember that you are always welcome to attend any board meeting.

Tanya Holcomb, Clerk

Revenue Accounts	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Taxes</b> - 41000	\$321,637	\$342,091
Special Assessments - 42000	—	—
Intergovernmental Revenues - 43000	\$190,548	\$161,506
Licenses & Permits - 44000	\$650	\$725
Public Charges for Services - 46000	\$19,322	\$19,345
Miscellaneous Revenue - 48000	\$22,185	\$1,800
Proceeds from Long Term Debt - 49000	\$74,578	_
TOTAL REVENUES	\$628,919	\$525,467
Expenditure Accounts		
General Government - 51000	\$148,534	\$107,530
Public Safety - 52000	\$69,832	\$76,400
Public Works - 53000	\$245,555	\$249,573
Capital Outlay - 57000	\$92,968	_
Debt Service Fund - 58000	\$68,760	\$91,964
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$625,648	\$525,467
	Fund Balance	
All Government & Proprietary Funds	Jan. 1, 2021	Total Revenues
General Fund	\$2	\$786,808
Contingency Fund	\$51,978	_
Equipment Fund	\$164,737	_
Tax Account Fund	\$804,897	\$759,172
ARPA Account Fund	_	\$78,252
	\$1,021,614	\$1,624,232

#### **Upcoming Elections**

The spring election dates are below. We will update our web site as the date draws nearer.

> Spring Primary - February 15, 2022 Spring Election - April 5, 2022

#### Communication – Town Website

Make sure to visit our town website **townofclevelandwi.com** to obtain up-to-date information about your town.



Jan. – Sep. 2021 Actual Plus Oct. – Dec. 2021 Est.	2022 Droposed Budget	(Increase)/Decrease
\$338,947	2022 Proposed Budget \$451.295	Budget 2021 to 2022
\$338,947	\$451,295	\$109,204
\$236,031	\$243,425	\$81,919
\$530	\$725	
\$17,900	\$27,345	\$8,000
\$3,400	\$1,800	
\$190,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
\$786,808	\$924,590	\$399,123
\$120,314	\$111,030	\$3,500
\$71,433	\$80,500	\$4,100
\$378,262	\$539,260	\$289,687
\$216,801	\$193,800	\$101,836
\$786,811	\$924,590	\$399,123
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	Fund Balance	Property Tax
Total Expenditures	Dec. 31 Est.	Contribution
\$786,811	\$(0)	\$338,947
_	\$51,978	_
_	\$164,737	—
\$1,564,069	\$(0)	—
	\$78,252	_
\$2,350,880	\$294,966	\$338,947



### From Supervisor Drexler

#### Garbage and Recycling

#### **Collection hours**

Winter Hours (Sept. 4, 2021 - May 28, 2022) Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Summer Hours (June 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2022)

Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. & Saturdays 9 - 11 a.m.

Prices
13 Gallon: **\*2** • 30 Gallon: **\*4** • Barrel: **\*6** 

#### **Special Notes**

Please make sure to tie down items that are loose when bringing to the garbage collection site. We've been finding bags of garbage in the ditches and the authorities have been contacted. This could result in homeowners receiving a fine. Please help us in keeping our town clean!

Please do not include any sharp metal, batteries, diapers, needles, light bulbs, paper plates and cups, food scraps, wood, clothing and wine bottles in the recycling bins. These items should go in the regular garbage bins. There are separate bins for aluminum cans, glass, tin and cardboard/paper. All other recycling can be mixed. Please no garbage bags in the recycling bins.

Other items such as appliances, tires, and household items can be taken to Bee Line, north of Stratford on highway 97.

The town has a contract with the Village of Stratford for compost collection through the remainder of the 2020 year. We will work with the Village of Stratford to evaluate this contract for 2021. You may drop of at this site (Business/Industrial Park at the west end of Platinum Drive) 24 hours per day every day.

If you should have any questions, please contact me or attend a Town Board Meeting the second Tuesday of each month (unless posted) at 7:00 p.m.



#### From the Office of the Treasurer

Happy fall! What a wonderful summer and fall we are having! Things on my side of work have been relatively light but I know everything will begin to pick up as we enter a new tax season. We have received our August settlement for the 2020 taxes and will begin to work on the 2021 year. I anticipate taxes to be ready from the county around the first week of December, and will get them out to residents as soon after that as possible.

Last year we had a lot of address changes and I believe I was able to get them all changed. However, if I did miss an address change, please let me know when you send in your taxes and I will make sure to do so. If possible. I ask that residents include a telephone number when sending in their payments. There are times that I have questions or there is a discrepancy in payments and it is difficult for me to contact individuals without a telephone number. Partners Bank will be accepting tax payments this year as long as the lobby is open.

If the lobby needs to close then they will be unable to accept payments as they are unable to allow tax payments through the drive thru. I will continue to monitor this and include any updates in the tax information sheet that I send out with your taxes.

Along with the taxes will come the dog registration form. When filling out that information please make sure to include a telephone number so that if there are any questions, I will be able to contact you. If there are any questions regarding dogs, please feel free to contact me at any time.

I continue to work with the monthly transactions of the township, special assessment letters, and processing any invoices.

I truly enjoy serving as your town treasurer and thank you all for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Thank you. Alexandra Skava, Treasurer

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