



TOWN *of* CLEVELAND

Marathon County, Wisconsin

2020 Annual Report and Spring 2021 Newsletter

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 21, starting at 7:00 p.m.

A lunch will be served.



From the Chairman

Town of Cleveland residents,

Our 2021 calendar is now heading into the time of year for soft roads, road work, and looking at all the items that need our attention. This is an election year for the board. I want to thank everyone who is on the ballot for their interest in the Town of Cleveland affairs. I believe Paul Drexler said it best when he commented: *I think everyone should be on the board for at least one election cycle to see what all our town does with its responsibilities to the citizens of our township.*

I enjoy being your chairman and doing my part to help the town government meet its goals and demands. Our town is fortunate to have dedicated people in every office. This helps a lot when dealing with all the changes in laws, elections, tax collections, and keeping proper records. So a big thank you to my fellow board members for your service, I appreciate you and don't take your dedication and service for granted. Thank you to our Clerk, Tanya Holcomb; Treasurer, Alexandra Skaya, and Supervisors, Paul Drexler and Leonard Austin. Our Fire Commissioner, Dustin Skaya, is a valued addition for us on the fire department board.

I would also like to take this time to give a big Thank You to Luke Serwe, John Deiler, George, and Adam Schneider for their service to the town. Luke is on top of the road conditions and makes it his priority to get plowing and grading done in a timely fashion. He has John Deiler to help when conditions warrant

his help. George and Adam take care of our recycling for the township with 5 hours in the winter months (per weekend) and 4 hours in the summer with 2 hours on Saturday and 2 hours on Wednesday evenings. Thanks for taking care of these jobs for our town.

During this past year we put in place a road committee to discuss road improvement, timetables, and a 10 - 20-year plan for our township to work toward. I appreciate the time that Glen Kafka, Stephanie Christianson, and Jeff Lappe have committed to this project. Glen and Stephanie have extensive knowledge on what needs to take place for proper road care. Jeff brings a professional opinion on money matters and best practices for our township. Thanks again for serving in this volunteer role. Your input and expertise is appreciated.

Nothing we do is free and we don't want to borrow long term to get projects done.

Please attend our annual meeting on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. to hear about the short and long range plans for our township. Spindler bridge will be seal coated this summer and we would like to seal coat Edgewater subdivision to extend the life of that road for the next 10+ years. Our equipment is in very good condition and should serve us well for quite a while into the future.

Thank you,
Kurt Jochimsen, *Chairman*

ESTIMATED COSTS TO TAXPAYER FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Equalized Value - 2020	132,521,100	132,521,100	132,521,100	132,521,100
Annual loan amount for road improvements	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
Estimated cost per \$1,000 of property value	\$0.57	\$0.75	\$1.13	\$1.51



From the Office of the Clerk

Elections

The remaining elections for this year will occur on **April 6, 2021**. The election will include local municipality and school board races in addition to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and several Judicial races. The sample ballots are located on our website under notices.

We will test the equipment on March 29, starting at 10 a.m. **There will be early, in-person voting on Thursday, April 1, from 4 – 6 p.m.**

If you vote in person, we will be practicing social distancing during the “safe at home” order from Governor Evers. We will have measures in place to keep our voters healthy during this time.

You can register to vote or request an absentee ballot by going to **myvote.wi.gov**. You may also submit an email request to

me (clerk@townofclevelandwi.com) but I will need a copy of your photo id which can be emailed, sent via text (715-897-1340) or a copy placed in the locked town mailbox. Reviewing the photo id is a requirement in order to vote; same as voting in person. However, once you show your ID once for absentee voting, usually there is not a future need to do so.

Every other year, the Town of Cleveland elects the board officials. The caucus was held in January and the following are running for office. We are providing you with information on the candidates for Supervisor as this is the only office that is contested this year. If you have any questions about these candidates, you are encouraged to reach out to them individually.

Tanya Holcomb, *Town Clerk*

WHO'S ON THE BALLOT

TOWN CHAIRMAN

Kurt Jochimsen (*incumbent*)

TOWN CLERK

Tanya Holcomb (*incumbent*)

TOWN TREASURER

Alexandra Skaya (*incumbent*)

SUPERVISORS (*vote for two*)



Paul (Bucky) Drexler

I am running for the office of Town Supervisor. I have held this position for 2 terms/4 years and hope to serve another 2 years with your vote.

I am now retired from Klemme Sales Chevrolet Dealer where I worked for 49 years. I have lived in Cleveland Township for 44 years. My wife Wendy and I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

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WHO'S ON THE BALLOT (CONT.)

I am a member of St. Andrews Parish in Rozellville. I play guitar by playing for our church services and nursing homes when open. My wife and I raise a few chickens and like to be out and about when it's warm and we do like living in the Town of Cleveland Township!

Please don't forget to vote April 6.
Thank you.



Lori Hollatz

I am running for office of Town Supervisor. I was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin and raised in the Stratford area with my parents and five

siblings. I graduated from Stratford High School in 1993, and became a Certified Pharmacy Technician in 1998. I have been a Pharmacy Technician for 25 years and currently work at Security Health Plan as a Medicare Part D Coordinator.

I have lived in the Town of Cleveland since July 2005 with my husband and daughter. My interests include gardening, spending time on the Big Eau Pleine flowage, volunteering at church, and watching the wildlife in the area.

I decided to run for Town Supervisor because I feel I can contribute to the township's future road needs, maintaining equipment, encourage recycling and appropriate garbage disposal, citizen safety and being financially responsible with the township's money.

I would appreciate your vote on April 6.



Leonard (Jug) Austin

I have lived in the Town of Cleveland all my life. I'm married to my wife Pat for 60 years and we have 4 sons. I retired from Stratford Homes

after working there for 32 years. My wife and I also ran the tavern known as Austin's Pour House for 50 years. We are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for 60 years. I've been a supervisor for the town for 10 years. Since I am retired, I am willing to help with anything for the town.



Stephanie Christensen

Stephanie grew up in the Halder area and has resided in the Town of Cleveland for over 15 years with her husband, Tony. Tony and Stephanie

are legal guardians of their niece Katie and nephew Henry, and they are looking forward to spending their summer out on the Eau Pleine River.

Stephanie has been practicing civil engineering for 23 years and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin. She manages transportation design and civil projects throughout central and northern Wisconsin.

Stephanie is running for Town Board Supervisor to offer her personal and professional skills to give back to her community.

2020 Annual Report

On the next pages, you will find the 2020 Annual Report. We will review this in detail at the Annual Meeting. If you have questions, you may bring those questions to the meeting or contact the Town Clerk via phone or email to discuss.

2020 Grants Received

The Town of Cleveland was fortunate to receive several grants due to additional expenses incurred with COVID 19. When you review the annual report, you will see the grant funds in the revenue section. However, the expenses are not shown separately. Below is a highlight of the funds received and how these funds were spent. If you have specific questions, please contact the Town Clerk.

State of Wisconsin – Road to Recovery \$27,172 (amount determined by the state)

- \$12,371.92 – Stratford School District PPE Supplies
- \$4,175.00 – Shed for town garage
- \$2,870.75 – Speaker system for the town hall
- \$2,214.55 – Election supplies (in excess of budget)
- \$1,361.41 – Election wages (in excess of budget)
- \$822.88 – TV for board meetings, annual meeting and election training
- \$812.23 – Laptop for town officers
- \$753.16 – Communication boards for town hall and town garage
- \$569.85 – Stools for the town hall to use at elections and for hall rentals
- \$479.80 – Printer for town hall
- \$287.84 – Clerk mileage (in excess of budget)
- \$279.50 – Replace board chairs
- \$110.00 – Election cleanings x 2
- \$63.24 – Zoom meetings for town board

Center for Tech and Civic Life - \$5,000

- \$3,482.00 – Election administration equipment
- \$877.50 – Poll worker expenses
- \$640.50 – Absentee voting supplies

Wisconsin Elections Commission Cares Grant - \$1,164

- \$1,929.94 – Laptop for clerk, security monitoring on all town computers

2020 Annual Financial Report

ASSET ACCOUNTS (BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020)

General Checking Account	1,094
Savings - Tax Collection Account	956,378
Savings - Contingency Fund	50,020
Savings - Equipment Fund	162,163
Total Beginning Assets	\$ 1,169,655

2020 REVENUES

Taxes:

Real Estate and Personal Property	307,022
Lottery Credit	12,330
Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land Taxes	1,544
Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land Taxes (County portion)	(309)
Special charges	15
Taxes Subtotal	\$ 320,602

Intergovernmental Revenues:

State Shared Revenues	29,521
Personal Property Aid	970
State Fire Insurance - 2% Dues	5,320
Computer Aid from State	86
State General Transportation Aid	119,705
County Culvert Aid	6,133
Recycling Grant	1,446
Wisconsin Elections Commission Computer Grant	1,165
Wisconsin CARES Act Covid Grant	27,172
Forest Land	40
Intergovernmental Revenues Subtotal	\$ 191,557

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor & Bartender Licenses	230
Building Permits	420
Licenses and Permits Subtotal	\$ 650

Public Charge for Services:

Liquor License Publication Fees	45
Treasurer's Fees	420
Fire Protection Fees	515
Road Maintenance	2,481
Garbage Collection	15,399
Town Hall Rental	713
Public Charges for Services Subtotal	\$ 19,572

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Interest Income	1,866
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	20,069
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal	\$ 21,935

Other Financing Sources:

Proceeds of Long Term Debt - Partners Bank (Plow Truck)	\$ 74,578
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 628,894
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2020 EXPENSES

General Government:

Board Salary	11,918
Board FICA	932
Board Expense	11,875
Association Dues/Fees	1,473
Mileage	34
Town Board Administration Subtotal	\$ 26,231

Legal Fees:

Legal Fees	\$ 100
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General Administration:

Legal Notices	665
Newsletter/Announcements	1,367
Website/Internet	336
Clerk Salary	22,680
Clerk FICA	1,802
Clerk Expense	2,573
Clerk Train/Dues/Subscriptions	60
Clerk Mileage	588
Election Wages	5,739
Election Expense	8,690
General Administration Subtotal	\$ 44,500

Financial Administration:

Accounting Expense (Software/Payroll)	1,006
Treasurer Salary	10,584
Treasurer FICA	812
Treasurer Expense	1,825
Treasurer Train/Dues/Subscriptions	55
Treasurer Postage	447
Assessor Contract	14,500
Financial Administration Subtotal	\$ 29,229

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General Buildings & Grounds:

Town Hall Utilities - Electric	1,107
Town Hall Utilities - Gas	1,378
Town Hall Utilities - Internet.....	732
Town Hall Expense	10,890
Town Garage - Electric.....	603
Town Garage - Gas	1,132
Town Garage Expense	18,445
Insurance	14,172
General Buildings & Grounds Subtotal	\$ 48,460

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT..... \$ 148,519

Public Safety (Fire Protection):

Fire Assessment	63,998
2% Dues.....	5,320
Cost of Fires.....	515

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE PROTECTION)..... \$ 69,832

Public Works:

Highway & Street Admin.....	3,205
Shop Operations	180
Grader.....	6,309
Ford Plow Truck	50
Drott	158
Peterbuilt Plow Truck	3,270

Machinery Operations Subtotal **\$ 13,172**

Road Wages Salary	35,416
Road Wages Hourly	8,636
Road FICA	3,370
Road Retirement	2,391
Fuel.....	8,563
Mileage.....	2,331
Phone	540
Sand/Salt.....	347
Granite Road Materials	73,760
Highway Street Maintenance.....	41,686
Ditching and Cutting.....	10,120
Dust Control	28,171
Supplies	2,392

Highway Street Maintenance Local Subtotal **\$ 217,720**

Sanitation Wages Hourly	5,836
Sanitation FICA	444
Garbage & Recycling Collection	8,384
Sanitation Subtotal	\$ 14,663
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 245,555
Capital Outlay:	
Capital Outlay - Transportation - Plow Truck	\$ 92,968
Debt Service:	
Grader Principle	23,038
Grader Interest	1,962
Plow Truck Principle	42,545
Plow Truck Interest	1,215
Total Debt Service	\$ 68,760
TOTAL EXPENSES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ 625,633

**2020 (2019 TAXES) TAX ROLL -
WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO**

Town of Cleveland	319,352
Marathon County	614,349
Stratford School District	1,164,208
Edgar School District	24,536
North Central Technical College	165,100
TOTAL 2020 TAX ROLL	\$ 2,287,545

ASSET ACCOUNTS *(BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020)*

General Checking Account	2
Savings - Tax Collection Account	804,897
Savings - Contingency Fund	51,978
Savings - Equipment Fund	164,737
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 1,021,614



From the Office of the Treasurer

The tax collections for this year were completed January 31, 2021. Thank you to those who submitted their payments on time. We settled our tax collections with the county in February. The second installment and any late payments can be mailed to the Marathon County Treasurer, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

I want to thank everyone for their patience with the tax process this year. I know that it was a difficult year due to the challenges of Covid-19, however things did go smoother than anticipated and I look forward to the return of normal for next year.

To date I have processed 134 dog licenses and 2 kennel licenses. Anyone looking to obtain a dog license can contact me for an

extra form or with any questions.

In February 2021, the town paid off the remaining balance of our grader loan. So currently we only have one bank loan for our new plow truck.

My monthly duties continue to be balancing bank accounts for the township, handling dog licenses, filling ROI requests, and processing outstanding invoices.

Thank you all for allowing me to continue serving you as the town treasurer. I enjoy my position and hope to remain for years to come. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alexandra Skaya, Treasurer

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Town website: townofclevelandwi.com



From Supervisor Drexler

Garbage and Recycling

Collection Hours:

Summer Hours (June 2 – August 28, 2021)

Wednesdays 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Winter Hours (Sept. 4, 2021 – May 28, 2022)

Saturdays 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rates

13 Gallon: \$2 • 30 Gallon: \$4 • Barrel: \$6

Anything other than above will be charged accordingly

Additional Notes

Please make sure to tie down bags, barrels, and loose garbage when bringing to the garbage collection site.

Please make sure all recycling items are in a clear bag. If using a black plastic bag, it will be put in the landfill and not recycled. Please do not include any sharp metal, batteries, diapers, needles, light bulbs, paper plates and cups, food scrap-wood, clothing and wine in the recycling bin. These items should go in the regular garbage bins.

There are separate bins for aluminum cans and tin and one for cardboard/paper. All other recycling can be mixed.

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

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.

Information Requests and Building Permits

Requests for Information (from title companies, etc.) can be sent to Alexandra Skaya. There is a minimal fee that will be assessed.

Building permits may be obtained by calling or emailing Tanya Holcomb. Please provide the size of the building and estimated cost. The fee for the permit is \$15. The invoice and permit will be mailed to you.

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