Town of Cleveland

Marathon County, Wisconsin

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Annual Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20 2022

7pm

1. Chairman Jochimsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Roll Call:

**Present**

Chairman Kurt Jochimsen

Supervisor Paul Drexler

Supervisor Leonard Austin

Clerk Tanya Holcomb

Treasurer Alexandra Skaya

Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe

Sanitation Employee George Schneider

Fire Commissioner Gary Heil

1. **Approval of April 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes –** Postpone until 2023 annual meeting

1. **Set April 2023 Annual Meeting Date** – Motion (Holcomb/Wiesman) to set annual meeting date for April 19th 2023. Motion carried.

1. **Set salaries for town board members for next election cycle beginning April 2023**
   1. Board chairman – currently $4536/year + $200 for taking care of town hall rentals
      1. Motion (Pankratz/Meidl) to raise salary to $5000 + $200. Motion Carried.
   2. Supervisors – currently $3591
      1. Motion (Wiskerchen/Altmann) raise 10%. Motion Carried.
   3. Clerk – currently at $22,680
      1. Tanya Holcomb suggested raise to include on even years $5000 over base salary due to election work with small elections requiring 50-60hrs of clerk work on top of normal duties.
         1. Recommend base salary to stay same or 10% + $5000
      2. Motion (Meidl/Holcomb) – motion to raise 10% + $5000 on even years. Motion Carried.
   4. Treasurer – currently at $10,684
      1. Motion (Hotchkiss/Garrigan) raise 10%. Motion Carried.
2. **Special Guest Speakers:** 
   1. Jim Griesbach
      1. Bridge on Fairview road has been approved for replacement during the 2025 year. This will fall into the state bridge program which is an 80% state/20% township funded project. We can then submit the 20% to the bridge program in which 10% could be reimbursed. Estimated cost for township responsibility would be $125,000-$130,000 plus the cost of right of way $5000.
      2. Bipartisan Bill – money is in different pots for different projects (rural, municipal, etc) 50% into FLEX. Any improvement construction project is eligible but need to go through process that could take 2-3 years.
      3. Town road improvement program – this is for smaller projects and is a biannual program through the county. Town needs to match any money given. 2024 would be the next eligible cycle and the town of Cleveland has not had any recent projects.
      4. ARPA funds can not be used for match money on any federal program.
3. **REPORTS:** 
   1. **2021 Financial Report** – Tanya Holcomb provided the 2021 financial report

* 1. **2021 Treasurer Report** – Alexandra Skaya provided the 2021 treasurer’s report including current loan standings.

* 1. **Garbage and Recycling Report** –Paul Drexler provided the garbage and recycling report. This summer we will have a place for brush and grass clippings, using part of the current site. All other items can be turned into the current garbage and recycling bins at site.
  2. **Fire Commissioner Report** – Gary Heil provided the fire commissioner report. Dustin Skaya stepped down after 2 years. In 2021 there were 50 fire calls. Building repairs include garage door added, asphalt repair, wainscoting, and Green Valley building updated. The fire department is slated to purchase a new ambulance scheduled in 2024. Firefighters are purchasing a new UTV through fundraising with a Calendar sale and Gun Raffle.

1. **Board of Review Dates:** 
   1. Open Book will be May 25th 4pm – 6pm
   2. Board of Review will be June 1st 7pm – 9pm
2. **ARPA Funds/Town Garage**
   1. Looking for ways to use the ARPA funds within the treasury guidlines. $3783.12 was given to Stratford fire department for Zoll automated CPR machine, a new saw, and roof ladder.
   2. Another option would be for building a new town garage. The current town shed needs quite a bit of improvements, and there is currently no bathroom or sink/washing area. There may be other ways to fund this as well through different programs possibly.
3. **Highway Committee Report** 
   1. Stephanie Christensen introduced road committee members and went through powerpoint presentation on information from the Highway committee meetings.
   2. 2021 road improvements –There were monthly meetings putting a plan together to develop where the needs are.
   3. Projects implemented – polymer overlay Spindler bridge, double chip seal in edgewater, blacktop town hall parking lot, gravel on rock road, town garage area, balsam road west (bad underlying soil and poor drainage).
   4. Strategic plans 2022 –
      1. Areas that we repaired on Balsam road west are holding up good, but still needs new graniteand materials.
      2. General maintenance will still be covered under the normal road budget – on top of base budget ($178K-$198K)
         1. Soft Spots on Wiesman road/Schnelle road to the south.
         2. Soft area on Schnelle road
         3. Soft area on Big Rapids road from county M to the west
         4. Soft area on MaryEl Drive from Elroy Street to boat landing
         5. Replace culvert on Eau Pleine Rd east of Rangeline Rd
         6. Balsam Rd – continue improvements on west
         7. Balsam Rd East – double chip seal 0.9 mile east of county M – looking to get 5 year life expectancy. When looking at this road the committee was looking at how do we maintain and where are we falling short. What are we investing, what isn’t working, and what should we be investing.
   5. Questions: What about cost increases? The township will not move forward with the project if the estimate is over the budget.
   6. Jeff Lappe provided information regarding loan from bank. Stated that the bank does not have to pay tax on a township loan and that is why the township is able to get a lower interest rate that the normal customer.
4. **Town Constituent Meeting –** 
   1. Ernest Kramer asked about dust control and what it does versus the granite? Does the dust control work? Without heavy traffic dust control is able to hold up better because it can bind, however Balsam road receives higher traffic and therefore does not hold up as well. Luke Serwe stated that there was a plan to do the same amount of dust control this year. Homes currently get dust control 150ft in front of driveways. And we can look into raising the dust control budget in the future.
   2. Kitty Guyer asked about possible grants for the smaller projects, such as Muskrat circle. Also stated that there was supposed to be an apron off of 153. Stephanie Christensen stated that she would look into the apron issue.
   3. The topic of getting a light at the boat landing was brought up. Luke Serwe stated that this is currently in process of being completed.

**Motion to adjourn (Weisman/Guyer) at 8:32pm**

Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk on April 30th 2022

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