



TOWN *of* CLEVELAND

Marathon County, Wisconsin

FALL 2022 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

Wednesday, November 9 ▪ 6:30 p.m.
Budget Hearing and Levy Limit Vote

Second Tuesday of each month
Town Board Meeting



From the Chairman

To the township residents of Town of Cleveland, Marathon County,

First, I would like to thank our town employees who keep our roads safe: **Luke Serwe, John Deiler, and Conner Serwe**. They have worked diligently at fixing up roads with troublesome soft spots in the spring. Considerable work has been done in the Maryel subdivision and on Wiesman road the past couple of months. Those living on or near these roads have noticed the increased truck traffic. Our work last year on Balsam Road to the west of County M has held up well. We will continue to work on these areas as our budget allows. Many thanks to **George and Adam Schneider** who keep the recycling center open, clean, and provide help where needed when you arrive at the site.

As some of you are aware we have a new town clerk, **Alexandra Skaya**, and a new town treasurer, **Julaine Aschenbrenner**. The transition has been seamless and we appreciate their willingness to learn their positions. We are fortunate to have officials with their talent to serve our township. I will point out that if you are interested in town service positions, please come to the caucus in January and be willing to run for any of the available positions. All positions—chairman, two supervisor positions, clerk, and treasurer—will be up for this 2023 spring election cycle. The positions are 2-year terms.

We will have our budget approval meeting before our regular November board meeting. Last year we had a nice turnout to hear the budget process and learn how our town government works. Look for the 2023 budget numbers elsewhere in this issue.

Road work still commands the most time and expense in running the township. We applied

for federal aid to improve Balsam Road from County M to Schuette Road and the result was denied. The chip seal as discussed at the annual meeting came in way over budget. The cost of putting down a 4 inch lift before chip seal makes it uneconomical to go that route. It came in about \$50,000 over projected budget numbers for the improvement. Our plan now will be to improve the ditches and narrow up the road to 4 rod standards. The current plan is to assess putting blacktop from Spindler bridge to County M during the summer of 2024.

We are moving up some of our 2023 projects to keep our spending cycles current and in line with our projections. Luke has some very revealing pictures of the poor quality of road base material under our town roads. In most cases where we take up the road material, there is very little gravel over what looks like black dirt or compacted material (wood, fence posts, tree limbs) that take up large amounts of water in the spring causing the poor underlying road conditions during spring thaw.

I have appreciated the help of the road committee members this past year. Their background has been helpful in making decisions on priority items facing the township. Besides keeping up the roads, we will be replacing the bridge on Fairview Road just west of County H. This project will hit our budget for the next few years with planning costs, engineering cost, and then the cost of the bridge itself. Expected completion date for this bridge is either 2025, 2026, or no later than year 2027. We appreciate your support and look forward to continued service to the town of Cleveland.

Thanks,
Kurt Jochimsen, Chairman

From the Office of the Treasurer

I would like to introduce myself—I grew up in the Stratford area, living in the Town of Cleveland the majority of my life. My husband, Brent, and I are both graduates of Stratford High School. We have been married for 19 years. Our son, Trygve, is a freshman, and our daughter, Ashlyn, is a 4th grader at Stratford. I work at Partners Bank where I have been for the last eight and half years. In addition to watching my kids' various sports and activities, I also coach middle school volleyball and I play the bass guitar with my church worship team.

Since starting as the Town of Cleveland treasurer this past spring, I have been working with Alex to learn the different duties I am responsible for, such as balancing bank accounts and processing dog licenses. We will soon begin preparing for the 2022 taxes with tax bills being sent out early to mid December.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email or phone: treasurer@townofclevelandwi.com or 715-506-0146

Thank you.

Julaine Aschenbrenner, *Treasurer*



Upcoming Elections

November Primary - Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polls will be open at the Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please exercise your right to vote!

The 2023 spring election dates are below.

We will update our website as the date draws nearer.

February 15, 2023 - Spring Primary (if required)

April 5, 2023 - Spring Election



From the Office of the Clerk

Thank you all so much for allowing me to serve as your town clerk and welcoming me into this new and unfamiliar role with such grace and patience. It has been a learning experience but I have truly been enjoying the duties that I am undertaking as the clerk. I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Wisconsin Towns Association Conference from October 9-11, 2022, and was amazed at all of the knowledge I gained. I am hoping to be able to better serve the township with this information and to continue to grow into this role. As always, should any questions or concerns arise, please feel free to contact me by email clerk@townofclevelandwi.com or phone 715-323-3422.

Alexandra Skaya, Clerk

BUDGET SUMMARY

Revenue Accounts	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Taxes - 41000	\$338,998	\$451,295
Special Assessments - 42000	—	—
Intergovernmental Revenues - 43000	\$235,980	\$165,185
Licenses & Permits - 44000	\$565	\$725
Public Charges for Services - 46000	\$16,727	\$27,345
Miscellaneous Revenue - 48000	\$4,172	\$1,800
Proceeds from Long Term Debt - 49000	\$190,132	\$200,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$786,574	\$846,350
Expenditure Accounts		
General Government - 51000	\$119,500	\$111,030
Public Safety - 52000	\$70,250	\$70,500
Public Works - 53000	\$351,842	\$471,020
Capital Outlay - 57000	—	—
Debt Service Fund - 58000	\$223,236	\$193,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$764,828	\$846,350
Fund Balance		
All Government & Proprietary Funds	Jan. 1, 2021	Total Revenues
General Fund	\$4	\$840,313
Contingency Fund	\$50,817	\$60
Equipment Fund	\$112,651	\$178
Tax Account Fund	\$631,224	\$1,062,352
ARPA Account Fund	\$78,282	\$78,240
	\$872,977	\$1,981,142

Budget Hearing and Levy Limit Vote

The Town Board has prepared the budget for 2023. The annual budget hearing will take place on **Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.** This is the time where the board presents the 2023 budget to the public. Immediately following this public hearing, the residents from the Town of Cleveland will vote on the 2022 Tax Levy (to be collected in 2023).

After the levy passes on November 9, 2022, the Town Board will vote that same evening in its regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting to adopt the 2023 budget. Please remember that you are always welcome to attend any board meeting.

Jan. - Sep. 2022 Actual Plus Oct. - Dec. 2022 Est.	2023 Proposed Budget	(Increase)/Decrease Budget 2022 to 2023
\$456,165	\$465,411	\$14,116
—	—	—
\$238,617	\$162,811	(\$2,374)
\$580	\$550	(\$175)
\$16,875	\$25,795	(\$1,550)
\$6,316	\$1,400	(\$400)
\$200,000	\$200,000	—
\$918,553	\$855,967	\$9,617
\$110,489	\$114,750	\$3,720
\$71,484	\$81,650	\$11,150
\$461,481	\$454,567	(\$16,453)
—	—	—
\$193,797	\$205,000	\$11,200
\$837,252	\$855,967	\$9,617
Total Expenditures	Fund Balance Dec. 31 Est.	Property Tax Contribution
\$837,252	\$3,065	\$465,411
—	\$50,876	—
—	\$112,829	—
\$1,693,576	(\$0)	—
—	\$156,522	—
\$2,530,828	\$323,291	\$465,411



From Supervisor Drexler

Garbage and Recycling

Collection hours

Winter Hours (Sept. 3, 2022 - May 27, 2023)

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Summer Hours (May 31, 2023 - Aug. 26, 2023)

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

Prices

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

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. Please help us in keeping our township clean!

Please do not include any sharp metal, batteries, diapers, needles, light bulbs, paper plates and cups, food scraps, wood, clothing and plastic bags 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 do not put 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. Televisions and computer monitors can be taken to Marshfield Scrap for 35 cents a pound (715-389-1915). Marshfield Technology with take key boards and phones (715-502-4585).

Reminder that the Cleveland recycling center now has a designated area for brush and grass clippings.

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.

Communication - Town Website

Make sure to visit our town website

townofclevelandwi.com

to obtain up-to-date information about your town.





From Supervisor Austin

Roads Update

Our roads this summer have seen a number of improvements. Maryel subdivision, Wiesman Road, Rock Road bridge (taking the lift of the bridge) (state inspection order), Big Rapids Road, Breit Road, Schnelle Road, and a new culvert on Eau Pleine Road by the Eau Pleine flowage were done this year. This, plus regular maintenance, kept Luke busy with projects. Our plan for next summer includes, but is not limited to, Moline Road, Old 97 Road, Seidel Road, Holtmann Road, River Road, Eau Pleine Road, Balsam Road (east of county M, shoulder and ditch work), and other problem areas that may need our attention next summer. Our borrowing of up to \$200,000 per year has kept road improvements moving along as we try to catch up on much needed road maintenance. We are fortunate to have someone who is qualified like Luke to take control of these projects and see them to proper completion.

Leonard (Jug) Austin, *Supervisor*

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