Town of Cleveland

Marathon County, Wisconsin

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Annual Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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 Lori Hollatz

Clerk Alexandra Skaya

Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner

Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe

Sanitation Employee George Schneider

Fire Commissioner Gary Heil

1. **Approval of April 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes –** Clerk Alexandra Skaya read the2022 annual meeting minutes. Motion (Meidl/Mengel) to approve 2022 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried.

1. **Set April 2024 Annual Meeting Date** – Motion (Hughes/Meidl) to set annual meeting date for Wednesday April 17th, 2024. Motion carried.
2. **Special Guest Speakers:** 
   1. Garrett Pagel, Jeff Pritchard, Kirk Langfoss from Marathon County Zoning Department
      1. Garrett Pagel and Jeff Pritchard provided information on an opportunity for the town to enter into a 2-year contract with the county to develop a comprehensive plan and adopt county zoning until potential renewal in 2026. Motion (Christensen/Meidl) to develop a comprehensive plan and try county zoning under a 2-year contract. Favor – 5 Oppose – 35. Motion Denied.
      2. There was also discussion on the topic of windmills and providing the town board with Village Powers. Motion (Wiesman/Mengel) to give town board Village Powers when dealing with potential windmill contracts within the town. Favor – 39 Oppose – 1 Motion Carried.
      3. Kirk Langfoss gave a short presentation about the Fenwood Creek Watershed and other various opportunities and grants within the department that could be beneficial to residents of the town.
3. **REPORTS:** 
   1. **2022 Financial Report** – Clerk Alexandra Skaya provided the 2022 financial report.

* 1. **2021 Treasurer Report** – Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner provided the 2022 treasurer’s report including current loan standings.

* 1. **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. Next year they are looking into resurfacing the parking lot as it is in poor condition.
     1. **Stratford Area Fire Department –** Adam Maguire and other members of the Stratford area fire department spoke about potentially keeping the current ambulance they have in addition to the new ambulance on order. The current trade in value is around $25,000 which was going to be put towards the purchase price of the new ambulance. Last year there were 287 ambulance calls and of those 15 calls had to be transported by another agency due to the current Stratford ambulance already being in use. Currently there are 21 EMS providers and 2-3 are needed per ambulance call. We are currently relying on other fire departments to help when two calls overlap. Also, when there is a school sporting event and ambulance needs to be present which then ties up the only available ambulance in Stratford. A decision is hoped to be reached by budget time later this year.
  2. **Garbage and Recycling Report –** Paul Drexler provided the garbage and recycling report along with updated hours and reminder that brush, and grass clippings can be dropped off in the brush pile at site. Alexandra Skaya provided a yearly recap of revenue and expenses for the years 2020 – March of 2023. While 2020 had a profitable year the garbage and recycling site currently costs the town money to run. In 2022 the garbage and recycling site had a deficit of $2032.77. Options for moving forward included continuing the garbage site as is or evaluating fees, discontinuing site and individual residents can contract on their own, and discontinuing site and the town can contract with town-wide curbside pickup. The general consensus was to continue operating the garbage and recycling site but raise the price per bag for garbage. This price will be determined at a regular board meeting.

1. **Board of Review Dates:** 
   1. Open Book will be May 25th 5pm – 7pm
   2. Board of Review will be June 1st 7pm – 9pm
2. **ARPA Well Grants –** Clerk Skaya provided information received from the state detailing a grant available to residents called the American Rescue Plan Act Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grant. Handouts were made available, and the information was posted on the town website.
3. **ARPA Funds/Town Garage** – Chairman Jochimsen provided a detailed proposal for the new town garage. The town currently has $153,299.24 in the ARPA account. These funds need to be designated by Dec. 31st, 2024, and used by Dec. 31st, 2026. The development of the new town garage would meet all of the criteria set forth within the ARPA grant. A generalized quote was provided coming in around $560,000. The town would use the ARPA funds for this project and then move forward with a $400,000 - $500,000 loan which could be borrowed for under 5% on a 5-year loan. Motion (Heil/Meidl) to move forward with the engineering and building of the new town garage. Favor – 39 Oppose – 1 Motion Carried.
4. **Highway Committee Report** – Chairman Jochimsen provided the highway committee report. The projects that were completed in 2022 included: Maryel, Wiesman, Schnelle, Eau Pleine Culvert, Big Rapids, Rock Road Bridge, Moline, and Balsam totaling $152,500. 2022 anticipated projects that were unable to be completed will be worked on in 2023 including continued work on Schnelle, Rock Road Bridge, Big Rapids, and Old 97. Luke and the board are looking into either fixing the current orange plow truck or looking for a replacement. This purchase will be covered with the town’s equipment fund. A list of 2023 projects was provided along with projected costs.
   1. Balsam East = $20,000
   2. Holtman Rd = $55,000
   3. River Rd = $20,000
   4. Eau Pleine = $40,000
   5. Siedel Rd to Rock Rd = $18000

Total Estimated Cost = $153,000

1. **Town Hall Rentals** – Chairman discussed the current town hall rental agreements which are $75 rental fee along with $250 security deposit. Receiving no debate or discussion, the rental costs will remain the same.
2. **Town Constituent Meeting –** 
   1. There were no topics brought forth at this time.
   2. Chairman Jochimsen welcomed newly elected supervisor Lori Hollatz.
   3. Chairman Jochimsen recognized supervisor Leonard “Jug” Austin for his 12 years of service for the Town of Cleveland and presented him with a plaque as a thank you for his dedication to the town.

**Motion to adjourn (Weisman/Eckes) at 9:12pm**

Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk on April 25th, 2023

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