**APPROVED**

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday June 06th 2023

7pm

1. Chairman Jochimsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Present:

Chairman Kurt Jochimsen

Supervisor Paul Drexler

Supervisor Lori Hollatz

Clerk Alexandra Skaya

Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner (late)

Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe

Sanitation Employee George Schneider

Fire Commissioner Gary Heil

1. **Public Comment** –
	1. **Dwayne Pupp –** Mr. Pupp stated that Balsam road for about 6/10th of a mile, dust control is a huge issue. About 880ft of residential frontage within this stretch. Would like to see continual dust control. Road is more unsafe and unhealthy, the road is a safety hazard and a health hazard. Where are property taxes going? There are individuals with pulmonary health issues and the constant living in dust is detrimental to health. Some people may be afraid to speak up, when was the last time that dust control was applied when it is actually needed instead of waiting. Neighbor has waited 45sec at times for dust to clear before traveling down the road. The town of Cleveland and village of Stratford need to take care of this issue.
	2. **Lynette Pupp –** Mrs. Pupp stated thatthe road is not like it was 30-40 years ago. We have 21st century schools, who do we have 19th century roads. Why have our roads regressed? We need dust control continuously. Photos were supplied to board to show the dust control problems over the last 3 years.
	3. **Brooke Lee –** Mrs. Lee stated that the dust on balsam road is so bad that they have been unable to open the windows since spring due to the amount of dust that comes through the windows. A family member moved in this past January and due to health conditions they have to put blankets up over the windows so that dust does not come through. Daughter can not play outside in the front yard due to the dust being so bad.
	4. **Katie Kukuczka –** Ms. Kukucka state that the first thing to notice that the ages of the people that live on this road are of a mature generation and also young children. When the kids get on the bus in the morning they need to wait in a pool of dust. Although there is a speed limit posted, the 4-wheelers and ATV go too fast and the dust is so bad that the license plate can not be seen to report to authorities. Authorities do not come down the road to regulate speed limits. Why does the town accommodate the atvs, bars, but not the residents who can not go on the road because it is so dangerous because no one would be able to see them due to the dust. Ms. Kukucka’s daughter spoke about the bottom of the pool getting black from the dust and the pool bottom then needs to be cleaned with a vacuum.
	5. **Roy Kukuczka –** Mr. Kukuczka stated that this issue is not a joke. It is so dusty that cars can not be seen on the road. The dust control should have been applied 6 weeks ago. Residents can literally eat the dust. Mr. Kukuczka was out on the road with hose spraying down the road and he thinks someone may have called the cops on him for doing this. He was just trying to control the dust.
	6. **Larry Syring –** Mr. Syring stated that Balsam has a lot of rocks on the road and it is continuing to kick up rocks. Mr. Syring’s snowblower was ruined due to a rock from the end of his driveway. Also, why does the application of dust control stop at Hayes Road, and the roadway in front of The Shack bar is receiving what appears to be more application that the rest of the road.
	7. **Scott Lee –** Mr. Lee has lived in the area for 23 years and Balsam Road has progressively gotten worse. The farm equipment is getting larger, there is a lot of UTV traffic, roughly 3 times the amount of traffic there used to be. The town can not have the same type or amount of application for dust control that it did 23 years ago. There needs to be more applications that are continuous throughout the stretch of road and not just down the center, but on both sides of roadway. What needs to be done in order to get more applications.
2. **Minutes** – Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve the town board meeting minutes from the May 09th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Voucher Approval** - Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve vouchers 17800-17821 including automatic withdrawals totaling $34,203.08. Motion carried.
4. **REPORTS:**
	1. **Road Report** – Luke Serwe provided the road report. Roads were graded as listed in road report. Frost is still continuing to come out of the ground. Did some reclaiming on roads. Dust control was applied on balsam for the first time. It has been difficult because it has been so dry and in order for the dust control to be effective the ground needs to be wet. There is a large amount of brush at the garbage site and Luke will burn/push back.
	2. **Fire Commission** – Firefighters donated a new rescue utv and the old one was sold on sealed bids for $20,600. Beams in the fire station were repaired for $2800. Non-skid floor coating is being installed this week in truck bays at the fire station.
	3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Alexandra Skaya provided the Treasurer’s report including the cash balances. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to transfer $25,000 from tax savings account to general checking. Motion Carried
	4. **Clerk Report** – Alexandra Skaya provided the Clerk Report. Regulatory filings have been completed. Clerk Skaya is working on two grants from the Wisconsin Elections Commission which will be discussed later. The annual recycling report was completed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Town Garage** – Henry at Ratsch submitted their proposal for the construction and engineering of the town garage. The DNR only needs to be involved if the building is built too close to the wetlands.
2. **Town Hall Security –** Paul Drexler spoke with Computer TR about putting up cameras for the town hall security. They have put together an estimate of costs. The board still has some questions and details to work out with them. It was decided that there will be a camera over each entry door and one overlooking the parking lot. There will not be any cameras on the inside of the town hall. Alexandra Skaya will reach out to Computer TR to finalize any remaining questions prior to the July meeting.
3. **Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) Grants –** Clerk Skaya is working on two grants from the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC). The first grant is for transitioning to .gov domain and emails for the website and board members including the clerk and treasurer. KerberRose is currently working on this project. The second grant is for accessible voting materials for elections. The items that the town would be eligible for include new headphones for our expressvote machine and accessible voting booths. Clerk Skaya would like to move forward with the ordering of these items and submit the grant. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve clerk Skaya to apply for the state grant to get headphones and voting booths. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Election Voting Booths -** With an increased voter turnout at recent elections and at some times the length of ballots, the town hall can get congested and backed up during voting hours. Clerk Skaya has looked into a few options in order to increase the amount of voting booths or areas for residents. The board would like to know the price of tabletop privacy screens that can be used and Clerk Skaya will bring this information to the July meeting.
2. **Garage Pricing –** It as discussed at the annual meeting that due to the decreased revenue at the garbage/recycling site that the prices of garbage would be raised in order to cover costs. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to raise the price of garbage drop off to a 13 gallon bag $3, 30 gallon bag $6, and a barrel $10 to begin on July 1st 2023. Motion carried.
3. **Garbage Ordinance & Compliance Assurance Plan (CAP) –** When filing the annual recycling report, clerk Skaya was made aware that the town does not have any type of recycling ordinance or a compliance assurance plan. The Department of Natural Resources would like these to be completed so that the town could be eligible for the recycling grant should the minimum amount of collection be met. Clerk Skaya will complete these and bring to the July board meeting.
4. **Liquor Licenses –** The following establishments returned their liquor license renewal applications to the clerk; The Shack, BRB Dockside Bar & Grill, and Maguire’s Irish Pub. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to approve the liquor licenses of The Shack, BRB Dockside Bar & Grill and Maguire’s Irish Pub for the renewal year through June 30th 2024. Motion carried.
5. **Partners Bank Account Update –** Julaine Aschenbrenner updated the partners bank accounts to represent the current town board members. The new paperwork to be signed at the end of the meeting and Julaine will file at Partners Bank.
6. **Wind Turbine Ordinance –** Jarchow Law created the Town of Cleveland Wind Energy Facilities Ordinance. There was an error and they included Leonard Austins name as supervisor. Alexandra Skaya will contact them and get this fixed.
7. **MaryEl Boat Landing –** Chairman Jochimsen was made aware of a grant that could apply to work being down at the MaryEl boat landing. Currently, Jerry Keding is working on putting in a handicap accessible portable toilet at no cost to the township. Clerk Skaya will look into apply for the grant to cover costs associated with adding the light, portable toilet, and potentially extending the parking lot making the whole areas a gravel lot to allow for better parking and traffic flow.
8. **Town Utility Permit –** Clerk Skaya created a utility permit for the Town of Cleveland. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to adopt town utility permit with a fee of $25 per permit. Motion carried.
9. **Assessor Contract -** Jeremy Kurtzweil presented the board members with a resume and estimated cost of services should the board move to hire him as the next assessor for the township. Our current assessor, James Kurtzweil, is in his last year of service so a new assessor will need to be hired prior to next years assessments. The board will review the resume and revisit at the July meeting.
10. **Correspondence –**
	1. A timeline for the Fairview road bridge project was released and within this the plans stated that they will go 100ft of blacktop on the bridge sides. The township may want to consider continuing this blacktop the remaining 200ft which would meet with County Rd H.
11. Motion (Hollatz/Drexler) to adjourn at 8:27pm. Motion Carried.
12. Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk on June 14th, 2023th - Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday July 11th, 2023

June 6th Town Board Meeting Attendance :

Larry & Audrey Syring

Duane & Lynette Pupp

Kat Kukuczka

Roy Kukuczka

Scott, Brook & Eva Lee

George Schneider

Lucas Serwe

Jeremy Kurtzweil

Joe Kiwak III