



# TOWN *of* CLEVELAND

Marathon County, Wisconsin

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## FALL 2023 Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 14 ▪ 6:30 p.m.  
**Budget Hearing and Levy Limit Vote**

Second Tuesday of each month  
**Town Board Meeting**



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## *From the Chairman*

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Town of Cleveland residents, I would like to take this opportunity to update what has been happening in the township since the April 2023 newsletter.

Our summer has been relatively dry. This makes grading roads difficult when rain showers are spotty or when we have long periods of dry weather in between rain events. Wet roads allow better cutting of road rutting and makes a smoother road when we grade. Anytime we grade, the dust control will dry out and this causes the dust to increase when traffic uses the road. Dust control is important and is a large portion of our budget each year. Dust controls this summer have been difficult to manage while staying within our budget guidelines.

As stated in the spring newsletter we will be applying blacktop to Balsam Road from Hwy M to the east for 2 miles or what is known as Spindler bridge. Blacktop on this portion will free up **two** loads of calcium chloride to apply to the rest of the township. Because of the high volume of traffic, this portion of road has been the most difficult for Luke and the most expensive for the township to maintain.

Plans are underway for the new town garage which will be located just west of the recycling center on Hwy M. Our ARPA funds, which total over \$150,000, will be used to get this project started. The total projected cost will be around \$600K. Date of completion for the new garage should be early fall 2024.

We have hired a new town assessor for Cleveland. As some of you may know James Kurtzweil has retired from some of his townships that he has been serving. Our township is large, and more than Jim wants to take on as he downsizes his workload. We have hired Jeremy Kurtzweil to be our new assessor for the township. He has lots of experience and also will have his father's knowledge to lean on as his father is

Jim Kurtzweil. We welcome Jeremy into his new role working with us. Also, we are required to do a reassessment of the township this year and Jeremy will be busy doing this for us.

We put into effect this year a new ordinance concerning the wind energy companies that want to put up windmills in the township. The selling point of these companies is to supply the energy grid with power to help keep us supplied with our power needs. There are reasons for and many against this type of power supply going up in our township. Meetings have been held and more information is out there if you want to stay informed of what is happening on this front. I have been in contact with Alliant Energy out of Madison and I have asked him to come to our annual meeting on the third Wednesday of April to explain the energy companies' desire to put wind energy towers in our area of the state. We are not able to stop anyone from putting up a wind tower on their property but want all rules and restrictions followed to the letter if such towers are erected in our township. I will have confirmation in the 2024 spring newsletter confirming if they will or will not attend the meeting.

We are applying for grants and other monies to help our township with expenses concerning roads and other projects. One of the projects is the boat landing the township has in the Maryel subdivision. We would like to upgrade the road into the boat landing and the parking area to be more user friendly during the spring when its use is the greatest. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPKO) for their part in upgrades to the area and also the River Rats ATV-UTV club who have been very proactive in their desire to help with the improvement of the area. Many thanks to you all.

Thank you,  
**Kurt Jochimsen, Chairman**

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## *From Supervisor Hollatz*

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### Roads Update

This last summer saw several road improvements projects and regular road maintenance. The focus for the township's roads is to improve the conditions of the worst roads while also maintaining the current condition of the other ones.

#### **Road improvement projects with costs at the end of September:**

**River Road** – dig out ditches to allow for proper water flow away from the road, removed soft spot road materials and repaired the road with proper road base and granite (cost: \$19,643.20)

**Eau Pleine Road** – removed soft spot road materials and repaired the road with proper road base and granite (cost: \$4,998.60)

**Balsam West (of county road M) Road** – placement of two culverts (cost: \$5,650.37)

**Big Rapids Road & Siedel Road** – 110 loads of new granite and applied calcium chloride to bind the granite on Big Rapids & 37 loads of new granite and applied calcium chloride to bind the granite on Siedel (cost: \$26,669.27)

**Balsam East (of county road M) Road** – replaced two culverts and dug out ditches to allow for proper water flow away from the road (cost: \$8558.00)

**Holtman Road** – Proposed, is to dig out ditches to allow for proper water flow away from the road (*projected costs of less than \$10,000*)

To maintain the other township roads, they are traveled to assess their condition and to see if they need repair. From April to September, 1,256 miles of township roads were traveled. When road conditions deteriorate and need repair, one or more of the following tasks are performed to improve the road. The road may need grading, dust control, shoulder repair, fixing a washout, inspecting and/or replacing culverts, fixing a pothole, digging out ditches, posting/fixing of roads signs, removing downed trees in the road, and new granite.

Additionally, with winter weather fast approaching, I am sure snow plowing and sanding/salting of the roads is on everyone's minds. When measurable snow falls, plowing and sanding/salting of the roads will begin when the snow is about to stop or about 30 minutes after it stops. Furthermore, when you are out snow blowing or plowing out your private driveways, it is especially important to remember it is prohibited by Wisconsin law (statutes 86.01, 86.07, 346.94, and/or 941.03) to blow or plow the snow onto or across the road. Any snow that is left in the road or on the edge of a ditch, because of snow blowing or plowing, can cause accidents and/or damage to vehicles traveling on the road. The board wants everyone to know that if you blow snow onto the road or plow it across the road from your private driveway and it causes an accident and/or damage to vehicles traveling on the road, you will be held liable for any damages and/or penalties.

Lori Hollatz, Supervisor

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## *From Supervisor Drexler*

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### Garbage and Recycling

#### **Collection hours**

**Winter Hours (Sept. 9, 2023 – May 2024)**

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Summer Hours (June 2024 – August 2024)**

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

#### **Prices**

13 Gallon: **\$3** • 30 Gallon: **\$6** • Barrel: **\$10**

**Please remember to sign the garbage sign-in sheet with your address and amount paid to ensure proper record keeping.**

Please make sure to tie down items that are loose when bringing to the garbage collection site. We have found bags of garbage and other items in the ditches. Let's keep our township clean!

Please do not include any sharp metal, batteries, diapers, needles, hard covered books, 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, tin, and cardboard/paper. All other recycling can be mixed. Please, no garbage bags in the recycling bins. If you bring your recyclables in bags, they will need to be dumped out and sorted.

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 keyboards and phones (715-502-4585).

Remember at the Cleveland garbage/recycling area we have a designated area for brush and grass clippings. We are looking into having the brush pile chipped.

If you should have any questions, please contact Bucky Drexler or attend a Town Board Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless posted) at 7p.m.

**Paul (Bucky) Drexler**, *Supervisor*

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### Communication – Town Website

Make sure to visit our town website **[townofclevelandwi.com](http://townofclevelandwi.com)** to obtain up to date information about your town. Please note that town board members and staff are transitioning to .gov email addresses. These new addresses are available under the contact information on the website.

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## *From the Office of the Treasurer*

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Fall is here which means tax season is right around the corner. I expect the county to have tax statements ready for me to pick up by the middle of December and I will get them in the mail as soon as possible. First installment or full amount payments should be mailed to: **Town of Cleveland, 214261 County Road M, Stratford WI 54484** or paid **in the lobby at Partners Bank in Stratford**. Checks need to be made payable to: *Town of Cleveland*. Please make sure to include your phone number when submitting your payments for both taxes and dog licenses in the event I need to contact you with any questions.

Dog license payments for 2024 will be accepted with the taxes as usual. Remember to include a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate along with the completed dog owner form and payment. No dog license will be issued without the rabies vaccination certificate.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you.

Julaine Aschenbrenner, *Treasurer*

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## Grants

The Town of Cleveland has been able to apply for and receive several grants throughout 2023. This year we received 3 grants through the Wisconsin Elections Commission to add several accessible voting stations to the poll area, funding for new absentee envelopes, and transfer all board members to a more secure .gov email domain. The Town has also applied for grants for other work throughout the town. We are currently waiting to hear back about a grant to help do updates at the MaryEl Boat Landing and also on a grant to help fund the Balsam Road blacktop project. In 2024 we are

looking into an Agricultural road grant that would allow for funding to fix problem areas on agricultural roads such as Hwy 97 to Folz Road, River Run Road from Balsam to Eau Pleine, Rock Rd, and Big Rapids. As grants become available the Town takes every possible opportunity to receive this funding to help offset the costs that fall on residents.

The Town Board would like to thank Stephanie Christensen for her help in applying for the state road grants. Her knowledge of the road improvement process is invaluable when working through these applications.

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# From the Office of the Clerk

Thank you all for continuing to allow me to serve as your town clerk over the next two years. I have been able to learn many new things over the last year and continue to acquire new skills as the situations present themselves. I had the opportunity to attend the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association conference from August 21-23, and was able to gain a lot of knowledge from more experienced clerks and plan to apply this to how our town records are managed.

Below you will find some helpful information that I would like to pass along to you. If you should have questions or recommendations, I would be happy to hear from you.

Alexandra Skaya, Clerk

## BUDGET SUMMARY

<b>Revenue Accounts</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>
Taxes - 41000	\$451,295	\$465,441
Special Assessments - 42000	—	—
Intergovernmental Revenues - 43000	\$165,185	\$162,811
Licenses & Permits - 44000	\$725	\$550
Public Charges for Services - 46000	\$27,345	\$25,795
Miscellaneous Revenue - 48000	\$1,800	\$1,400
Proceeds from Long Term Debt - 49000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$846,350</b>	<b>\$855,997</b>
<b>Expenditure Accounts</b>		
General Government - 51000	\$111,030	\$114,750
Public Safety - 52000	\$70,250	\$81,650
Public Works - 53000	\$471,020	\$454,567
Capital Outlay - 57000	—	—
Debt Service Fund - 58000	\$223,236	\$205,030
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$875,536</b>	<b>\$855,997</b>
<b>All Government &amp; Proprietary Funds</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>Total Revenues</b>
General Fund	<b>Jan. 1, 2023</b>	
Contingency Fund	\$56,251	\$879,526
Equipment Fund	\$50,919	\$163
Tax Account Fund	\$112,939	\$480
ARPA Account Fund	\$1,014,843	\$810,178
CD Account	\$153,078	—
	—	\$85,000
	<b>\$1,388,030</b>	<b>\$1,775,347</b>

# Budget Hearing and Levy Limit Vote

The Town Board has prepared the budget for 2024. The annual budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30p.m. This is the time where the board presents the 2024 budget to the public. Immediately following this public hearing, the residents from the Town of Cleveland will vote on the 2023 Tax Levy (to be collected in 2024).

After the levy passes on November 14, 2023 the Town Board will vote that same evening in its regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting to adopt the 2024 budget. Please remember that you are always welcome to attend any board meeting.

## Elections 2024

As always, polls are open  
at the Town Hall  
from 7am - 8pm.

**February 20, 2024**  
**Spring Primary** *(if required)*

**April 2, 2024**  
**Spring Election**

**August 13, 2024**  
**Partisan Primary Election**

**November 5, 2024**  
**General Election**

Jan. - Sep. 2023 Actual Plus Oct. - Dec. 2023 Est.	2024 Proposed Budget	Increase/(Decrease) Budget 2023 to 2024
\$468,918	\$468,228	\$2,787
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\$164,450	\$218,790	\$55,979
\$645	\$555	\$5
\$40,375	\$25,795	—
\$5,139	\$2,000	\$600
\$200,000	\$329,377	—
<b>\$879,526</b>	<b>\$1,044,745</b>	<b>\$59,371</b>
\$108,471	\$144,205	\$29,455
\$95,676	\$82,500	\$850
\$308,742	\$611,040	\$156,473
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\$206,406	\$207,000	\$1,970
<b>\$719,295</b>	<b>\$1,044,745</b>	<b>\$188,748</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>Fund Balance Dec. 31 Est.</b>	<b>Property Tax Contribution</b>
\$719,295	\$216,482	\$468,228
\$25,000	\$26,082	—
\$60,000	\$53,419	—
\$1,825,021	(\$0)	—
—	\$153,078	—
—	\$85,000	—
<b>\$2,629,316</b>	<b>\$534,061</b>	<b>\$468,228</b>

## Town Officials and Contact Information

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**Lori Hollatz, *Supervisor***  
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**Luke Serwe, *Roads &  
Sanitation Supervisor***  
715-897-1820

**Jeremy Kurtzweil, *Assessor***  
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**Kevin Breit, *Building Inspector***  
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