



TOWN *of* CLEVELAND

Marathon County, Wisconsin

2023 Annual Report and Spring 2024 Newsletter

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 17, starting at 7:00 p.m.
A lunch will be served following the meeting.



From the Chairman

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

As I am writing this newsletter and I look outside, it's hard to believe the winter we have had—very little snow as of this day (March 16). I think Luke has graded more than he has snowplowed roads this winter.

We have a busy summer planned for the township. Two of our bigger projects this year are:

1. Blacktop is planned for Balsam Road from Hwy M up to what is known as Spindler bridge, which amounts to just under two miles of road. The plan is to go with a 24-foot-wide blacktop surface with three-foot gravel shoulders. Most of the road is 32 feet (plus) in width already. This project is planned to be completed before the middle of October or sooner.

2. Most of the township is aware of the plan for a new grader/equipment shed. We will be using the bulk of our ARPA funds to launch this project. The location of the new shed is just west of the current recycling center. Ratsch Engineering is the firm we have hired to oversee the project. Completion date for the project is planned for the 18th of November or sooner. We should know who is awarded the bid by the date of our annual meeting which is April 17th.

Dust control will again be important to get done timely and efficiently to ensure road safety this spring and summer. We have ditching that needs to be done on some of the roads in the township so the roads

drain properly. We will apply gravel to roads as needed.

Grading and application of calcium chloride for dust control is most effective after rainfall. Getting the longest use per application of the calcium chloride before the next grading of the road ensures we get the most out of the product and the time spent to apply. Each time a road is graded, the dust control becomes less effective. We need to do our best to

Annual Meeting Agenda April 17, 2024

1. Call the meeting to order
 2. Approval of April 2023 Annual Meeting minutes
 3. Set April 2025 annual meeting date
 4. Set salaries for town board members for next election cycle starting April 2025
 5. Special guest speaker - WI State Assembly Representative Donna Rozar
 6. 2023 Year in Review
 7. 2023 Financial report
 8. Treasurer report
 9. Fire Commissioner report
 10. Garbage and Recycling report
 11. Board of Review dates
 12. Town Garage Plans
 13. Highway committee report
 14. Town constituent meeting
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manage several variables, most of which we do not control (i.e. weather), as we prepare roads for each application. Also, spring soft spots need to be graded out before dust control can be applied; soft spots were a problem for a longer time than usual last spring.

We were not awarded any state or federal funds for projects this year, however this will not deter us from applying for other state and federal

grants that become available for townships. We are aware that more may come online in the coming months.

Our annual meeting is coming up on Wednesday, April 17th starting at 7:00 p.m. Our agenda is included in this newsletter. Your attendance and participation are much appreciated.

Thanks,
Kurt Jochimsen, *Chairman*



From the Office of the Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who submitted their tax payments by the January 31st deadline. Second installment and delinquent payments should be mailed to **Marathon County Treasurer, 500 Forest St., Wausau, WI 54403**, or made online at the Marathon County website: www.marathoncounty.gov. Tax information can be looked up any time on this website by going to "online records" and clicking on the ascent link: ascent.co.marathon.wi.us/ascentlandrecords You can search by last name, parcel ID, or address.

Dog owner forms were mailed out in December with the tax bills. If you don't have a dog owner form and need to purchase a dog license yet for 2024, the form can be found on the Town of Cleveland website. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate along with the dog owner licensing form and payment, should be mailed to **Town of Cleveland, 214261 County Road M, Stratford WI, 54484**. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Julaine Aschenbrenner, *Treasurer*



From Supervisor Hollatz

Roads Update

Weight Limit Signs

Spring will be here before we know it and so will the posting of weight limit signs on township roads. These signs are posted when the frost is coming out of the ground to preserve the integrity of the roads and prevent damage.

When weight limit signs are posted, a single or multiple use permit is required for vehicles and or/loads over the posted limits. The Marathon County Highway Department will issue a permit if you need one and it should be kept in the vehicle when traveling on posted roads. Single Use permit applications can be found on the Town of Cleveland's website under Forms & Permits.

Traffic Signs

Recently, it was noticed that traffic signs have been removed and left lying in the

ditch on township roads. If you notice a traffic sign is missing or lying in a ditch, please contact a board member or Luke to have the sign replaced as soon as possible.

Road Maintenance

Township roads are routinely traveled to assess their conditions; however, situation come up after the last inspection that may need immediate attention. If you see a township road with unsafe driving conditions like a washed-out road, extremely large potholes, downed trees over the road, or damage to a bridge or culvert, please reach out to a board member or Luke to assess the road to make sure it is repaired and safe to travel on.

Thank you,
Lori Hollatz, *Supervisor*

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Town website: townofclevelandwi.com



From the Office of the Clerk

Elections

2024 will be busy with elections as we hold the Spring Election on **April 2**. The Partisan Primary Election will be on **August 13**, followed by the November General Election on **November 5**.

Please continue to watch our website and the record review for notices about the elections as well as in-person early voting times. You can register to vote or request an absentee ballot by going to myvote.wi.gov. You may also submit an email request to me (clerk@townofcleveland.wi.gov) but I will need a copy of your photo id which can be emailed, sent via text (715-323-3422) or a copy placed in the locked town mailbox.

Information Requests & Building Permits

Requests for Information (from Title Companies, etc) can be sent to Julaine Aschenbrenner. There is a minimal fee that will be assessed.

Building Permits may be obtained by calling or emailing Alexandra Skaya. Please provide the size of the building and estimated cost. The fee for the permit is \$15. The invoice and permit will be mailed to you.

2023 Annual Report

On the next pages, you will find the 2023 Annual Report. We will review this in detail at the Annual Meeting. If you have questions, you may bring those questions to the meeting or contact me via phone or email to discuss.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your clerk, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Alexandra Skaya, Clerk

Town of Cleveland 2023 Annual Financial Report

ASSET ACCOUNTS *(BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023)*

General Checking Account	\$56,251
Savings - Tax Collection Account	\$811,302
Savings - Contingency Fund	\$50,919
Savings - Equipment Fund	\$112,939
Savings - Grant Designated	\$153,078
Total Beginning Assets	\$1,184,489

2023 TAX RECONCILIATION

Taxes:

Tax Collections (January 2023)	\$1,009,237
Tax Collections - Advanced Tax Collections (December 2022)	\$811,302
Lottery Credit (received April 2023)	\$19,392
Dog Licenses collected throughout the year	\$895
August settlement from county plus other county settlements	\$110,446
Delinquent and postponed tax collections	—
Taxes, Credits and Settlements Received	\$1,951,272

Tax collections and credits paid to county	\$483,330
Dog licenses paid to county during year	\$823
Tax collections and credits paid to schools	\$864,740
Tax collections and credits paid to technical colleges	\$134,075
Tax Settlements Paid to Others	\$1,482,968

Private forest crop/managed forest land tax	\$1,721
Taxes retained by Town	\$1,721

LOCAL SHARE OF PROPERTY TAXES	\$466,583
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2023 REVENUES

Taxes:

General Property Taxes	\$466,583
Private forest crop/managed forest land taxes	\$1,649
Total Taxes	\$468,232

Intergovernmental Revenues:**Federal Grants**

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State Grants

County and Municipal Aid	\$ 29,520
Exempt Computer Aid	\$86
Personal Property Aid	\$970
State Fire Insurance - 2% Dues	\$6,429
Wisconsin Elections Commission	\$2,310

Shared Revenues **\$39,315**

General Transportation Aids	\$125,135
Recycling	—
Forest Cropland/Managed Forest Land	—

Grants from County and Other Governments

Highway and Bridges

Intergovernmental Revenues Subtotal **\$164,450**

Licenses and Permits:

Business and Occupational Licenses	\$270
Dog license	—
Building Permits	\$210
Utility Permits	\$175

Licenses and Permits Subtotal **\$655**

Public Charge for Services:

General Government (License Publication Fees and Treasurer Fees)	\$330
Fire Protection Fees	\$25,727
Highway and Street Maintenance	\$11,782
Refuse and Garbage Collection	\$14,249
Community Center (Town Hall Rental)	\$2,050

Public Charges for Services Subtotal **\$54,138**

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Interest Income	\$5,007
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,793
Unapplied cash income	—

Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal **\$6,799**

Other Financing Sources:

Proceeds of Long Term Debt - Partners Bank (Road Improvements)

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES **\$894,275**

2023 Annual Financial Report (continued)

2023 EXPENSES

General Government:

Board Salary	\$12,413
Board FICA	\$950
Board Expense	\$797
Association Dues/Fees	\$2,156
Mileage	\$56
Legislative (board) Subtotal	\$16,372

General Administration:

Legal	\$1,000
Legal Notices	\$1,370
Newsletter/Announcements	\$1,317
Website/Internet	\$935
Clerk Salary	\$24,192
Clerk FICA	\$1,851
Clerk Expense	\$1,938
Clerk Train/Dues/Subscriptions	\$1,141
Clerk Mileage	\$461
Clerk Postage	\$294
Election Wages	\$1,540
Election Expense	\$3,239
General Administration (clerk and election) Subtotal	\$39,378

Financial Administration:

Accounting Expense (Software/Payroll)	\$1,886
Assessment of Property	\$38
Treasurer Salary	\$11,290
Treasurer FICA	\$864
Treasurer Expense	\$160
Treasurer Train/Dues/Subscriptions	\$819
Treasurer Postage	\$780
Treasurer Travel/Mileage	\$43
Assessor Contract	\$15,000
Financial Administration Subtotal	\$30,879

General Buildings & Grounds:

Town Hall Utilities	\$1,778
Town Hall Expense	\$5,596
Town Garage Utilities	\$530
Town Garage Expense	\$-
Insurance	\$16,670
General Buildings & Grounds Subtotal	\$24,574

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$111,104
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Public Safety (Fire Protection):

Fire Assessment	\$63,521
2% Dues.....	\$6,429
Cost of Fires.....	\$25,727

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE PROTECTION).....\$95,676

Public Works:

Highway & Street Admin.....	\$532
Shop Operations	—
Grader.....	\$15,403
Ford Plow Truck	—
Drott	—
Peterbuilt Plow Truck	\$150
Road Wages Salary.....	\$41,593
Road Wages Hourly	\$10,555
Road FICA	\$3,989
Road Retirement	\$2,819
Fuel.....	\$12,497
Equipment Rental	—
Mileage.....	\$1,584
Phone	\$495
Sand/Salt.....	\$3,120
Granite Road Materials	\$22,316
Highway Street Maintenance.....	—
2023 Balsam East	\$9,709
2023 Balsam West Bridge	\$26,617
2023 Eau Pleine Rd.....	\$4,560
2023 New Town Garage	\$9,037
2023 River Road.....	\$17,603

Highway Street Maintenance.....\$67,526

Ditching and Cutting	\$10,122
Dust Control	\$55,742
Supplies	\$3,745

Highway Subtotal\$252,187

Sanitation Wages Hourly	\$7,448
Sanitation FICA	\$570
Garbage & Recycling Collection	\$7,278

Sanitation Subtotal\$15,296

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS\$267,483

2023 Annual Financial Report (continued)

Debt Service:

Highway & Street Principle	\$200,000
Debt Service - Principle	\$200,000
Highway & Street Interest	\$6,406
Debt Service - Interest	\$6,406
Total Debt Service	\$206,406
TOTAL EXPENSES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$680,669

2023 (2022 TAXES) TAX ROLL - WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

Town of Cleveland	\$468,238
Marathon County	\$483,330
Stratford School District	\$847,767
Edgar School District	\$16,972
North Central Technical College	\$134,075
TOTAL 2022 TAX ROLL	\$ 1,950,383

ASSET ACCOUNTS (BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023)

General Checking Account	\$260,427
Savings - Tax Collection Account	\$723,854
Savings - Contingency Fund	\$26,090
Savings - Equipment Fund	\$53,446
Savings - Grant Designated	\$154,161
CD	\$85,878
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$1,303,856

CASH RECONCILIATION

Beginning Cash	\$1,184,489
2023 Revenue	\$894,275
2023 Expenses	\$680,669
2022 Advanced Tax Collections	\$811,302
2023 Advanced Tax Collections	\$717,063
Miscellaneous Liabilities (to be paid in 2024)	—
ENDING CASH	\$1,303,856



From Supervisor Drexler

Garbage and Recycling

Collection hours

Winter Hours (Now - May 25, 2024)

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Summer Hours (June 1 - August 31, 2024)

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

Prices

13 Gallon: \$3 ▪ 30 Gallon: \$6 ▪ Barrel: \$10

Anything other than above will be charged accordingly

Special Notes

Please make sure to tie down bags, barrels and loose garbage 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, scrap-wood, and clothing in the recycling bin. These items should go in the regular garbage bins. There are separate bins for aluminum cans and tin and one for cardboard/paper. All other recycling can be mixed. Please no garbage bags in recyclable bins. If you bring your recyclables in bags, they will need to be dumped out and sorted.

Other items such as appliances, tires, household items can be taken to Bee Line north of Stratford on Hwy 97. Televisions and computer monitors can be taken to Marshfield Scrap for 35 cents a pound (715-389-1915). Marshfield Technology will take keyboards and phones. (715-502-4585)

Remember at the Cleveland recycling center 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 7pm.

Paul (Bucky) Drexler, *Supervisor*

Communication - Town Website

Make sure to visit our town website townofclevelandwi.com to obtain up-to-date information about your town. Please note that town board members and staff have transitioned to .gov email addresses. These new addresses are available under the contact information on the website.

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