Town of Cleveland

Marathon County, Wisconsin

***DRAFT – Please note that this is a draft copy of the annual meeting minutes and approval will take place at the next annual meeting on Wednesday April 15th 2026***

Annual Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes –** Clerk Alexandra Skaya read the2023 annual meeting minutes. Motion (Moeller/Kiwak) to approve 2024 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried.

1. **Set April 2026 Annual Meeting Date** – Motion (Klen/Kiwak) to set annual meeting date for Wednesday April 15th, 2026. Motion carried.
2. **2024 Year in Review –** Chairman Jochimsen reviewed what had been done in the Town of Cleveland in 2024. This included completing the Town Garage and blacktopping a portion of Balsam East. The town also agreed to a 1 year trial for a 2nd ambulance with the Stratford Fire Department and established and maintained a brush pile at the garbage and recycling site. The town offered support to surrounding townships in their wind turbine lawsuits.
3. **2024 Financial Report –** Clerk Alexandra Skaya provided the 2024 financial report, including revenues, expenditures, and bank account standings.
4. **Treasurer Report –** Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner provided the 2024 treasurer’s report including tax season updates, loan standings with partners bank, and dog form updates.
5. **Fire Commissioner Report –** Gary Heil provided the fire commissioner report. The fire department received a total of 241 ambulance calls and 53 fire calls for 2024. There were a total of 8 times where both ambulances were utilized. The fire department would like to keep the 2nd ambulance at this time as they continue to see the benefit of having both. They will continue to rotate the ambulances as to keep the newer ambulance in better condition. The firefighters donated $5000 to maintain this and insurance will cost around $560 for the year. A new tanker has been ordered. It is a 2025 chassis and they expect it to come sometime after August 2026. Total cost was $396,700. They are working with the Town of Green Valley about the possibility of purchasing the shed that the fire department currently owns and then the department would potentially be able to continue to keep the current truck stored there. A new driveway and parking lot is needed and they are looking into the options for this. The current EMS coordinator has stepped down after their 4 year term, currently they are still looking for a replacement. 15 new defibrillators were purchased at zero cost to the department as they were able to use federal funding donations. They received a $4400 grant from the DNR.
6. **Garbage and Recycling Report –** Chairman Jochimsen discussed the 2024 garbage/recycling report and current financial standings. The brush pile was ground down at a cost of $1500. It is anticipated that this would need to be done every other year. There was discussion regarding having designated areas for brush and a separate area for grass clippings and leaves.
7. **Board of Review Dates –** Open Book will be held on Tuesday April 22ne 2025 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Board of Review will be held on Monday May 5th 2025 from 5pm to 7pm.
8. **Town Garage Plans –** The town garage building was completed at the end of 2024, while there are still a few smaller items that need to be taken care of. A cost breakdown was provided.
9. **Property Tax Overpayments –** Clerk Skaya reviewed current procedures when processing property tax overpayments. Often times these overpayments are minimal and costs to issue a refund exceed the amount of the actual overpayment. Many towns have adopted policies that unless the taxpayer makes a written request, property tax overpayments that are less than $5 will not be issued a refund. Overpayments greater than $5 or that have a written request will be issued a refund.
10. **Dog Licenses –** The current dog licensing rates and unlicensed fines were reviewed. Surrounding area rate comparisons were also provided to give the town an idea of where they are standing when it relates to other nearby towns.
11. **Town Hall Rentals –** Town hall rental fees were discussed and no changes were made.
12. **Town Constituent Meeting**
	1. The Town of Brighton and Town of Eau Pleine have been involved in a lawsuit about their wind turbine ordinances. This has become a large budget item that they were not prepared for and have reached out to surrounding townships regarding possible financial support to help continue the litigation process. The town did write a letter of support previously, but no financial support has been given. The town would like to see more detailed information as to the financials surrounding this and inquire about what amount of financial support they may need.
	2. Gary Wiesman made a recommendation that Hayes Rd be considered as the next road for blacktopping as he feels this road is particularly bad and sees a lot of heavy machinery and through traffic. He would like the board to consider putting up a traffic counter to see what the actual traffic numbers look like.
	3. The Town of Emmitt is looking to blacktop their portion of Schuette Rd and has reached out to the Town of Cleveland about sharing this cost and completing the whole road. The town is working with the Town of Emmitt and collecting more details with the possibility of completing this project in 2027.
	4. Discussion occurred regarding Hayes Road and if weight limit signs should be put up permanently.

**Motion to adjourn (Moeller/Wiesman) at 8:11pm**

 Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk

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