

TOWN OF CLEVELAND  
ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2024

The 2024 Annual Meeting was called to order on April 16, 2024 at 7 pm by Chrm Beighley. Present: Officers –Mike Beighley, Pete Hetke ,Mark Robarge, & Linda Laird.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were read by the clerk. Motion by Larry Harms to accept the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Suzanne Laird. Motion carried.

Beighley gave a summary of information & business acted upon during the past year:

The Town Board decided to repair the 2004 dump & use it for snow plowing only.

The cost of fire protection from Cornell Area Fire Department will be increasing considerably, due in part to the construction of a satellite fire station in Lake Holcombe.

The board has recently purchased “Cosmetic Coverage” for town buildings.

The patrolman Matt Hrdlicka & part-time patrolman Zac Harms are doing a good job of maintaining town roads.

The board will continue hiring brush mowing along town roads since it is much cheaper than purchasing our own equipment to do the job.

Total American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the town is \$94,514. All ARPA Funds must be ear-marked for specific projects by 12/31/24. All ARPA money must be spent by 12/31/26. Cleveland has spent ARPA Funds for a new well, an emergency generator, an AED machine for the town hall & financial assistance paid to NTERA for fiber optic installation on dead-end & sparcely populated town roads.

Treasurer Joyce Raatz & Chairman Mike Beighley have both announced they will not seek re-election.

Moton by Dan Masterpole giving the town power to borrow money in case of an emergency. Motion seconded by Suzanne Laird. Motion carried.

Motion by Cliff Gnatzig to accept the financial report as presented. Motion seconded by Zac Harms. Motion carried.

Chrm Beighley informed residents the board has been considering the possibility of requiring building permits for new construction. Permits would be for informational purposes only. No fee would be charged. An “after-the-fact” fee could be charged to individuals who did not complete a building permit form voluntarily.

Permit applications could be based on cost of construction project, size of building or type of structure.

Dan Masterpole suggested sending a written request to the county for all new driveways & fire numbers for the year & also any new construction reported to the county zoning office. It was also suggested that building contractors be required to report construction projects to the township.

Resident Larry Harms suggested implementing a rotation plan for Plan Commission membership & having only one Board member on the Plan Commission with 4 or 5 year alternating terms & a requirement of 1 year of absence from the Plan Commission between terms.

Brian & Camilla Balow urged the town to draft an ordinance regarding the problem of squatters locating on private property (aka adverse possession of property). This concern is being voiced due to the number of illegal immigrants coming to the area.

2024 Open Book meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6 from noon – 2 pm.

2024 Board of Review will be Monday, May 13 from 3 – 5 pm

The May monthly meeting will be on May 13 at 1 pm.

Larry Harms suggested the Town consider paying the town Constable a flat monthly fee instead of an hourly fee plus mileage. No action was taken.

No further business was brought before the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Chrm Beighley motion seconded by Cliff Natzig. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Laird, Clerk