



Town of Centerville

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – April 18, 2023

The Town of Centerville's annual meeting was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Manitowoc Room at Lakeshore Technical College, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The pledge was stated by all present and introductions were given.

29 were present, including board members.

Motion was made and approved by Karen Vader & seconded Mary Tooley for Cynthia Kraemer to act as clerk for the Annual Town Meeting, motion carried.

Enforcement Officer Ian Quinn retired from his position as Centerville's Law Enforcement Officer as of April 2023. However, he did attend 2023 meeting and presented his report for 2022. There were no citations issued, and most of the calls were the usual dogs at large calls. There was a weed control call which was handled. And lastly there were pigs at large, it takes 7 days of roaming to be considered farrow, these pigs were farrow. Peter Larson was introduced as the new Law Enforcement Officer.

The minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting were read; a motion was made by Tony Meyer & seconded by Darwin Jaeger to approve the minutes from 2022. Motion carried.

Election results from the April 4 election were read.

2022 Annual Report was presented, a motion was made by Barb Backhaus & seconded by Tony Meyer to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator, Russ Tooley: reported there were no meetings for Board of Appeals in 2022. Planning & Zoning Commission recommended an ordinance modification relating to Short Term Rentals. They also discussed a possible recreational trail along the Towns abandoned rail road tracks and possible opening of town roads to ATV traffic. There were 19 Building Permits with an estimated value of \$1.8 million. There were 2 new homes, 1 Demolition, 4 Driveway/Culvert, 1 Rezone, 5 Right of Way, and 5 Short Term Rental permits in 2022.

Fire Chief, Tony Meyer from the Cleveland Fire Department: gave a breakdown of calls. There were 64 Fire call in total with 10 in Centerville & 20 calls on I-43 in Centerville Township. For EMS there was a total of 189 calls, with 22 in Centerville, and 10 EMS on I-43 in Centerville Township. Brat Fry held in May.

Grant Updates: read by Chairman Kraemer. The Town of Centerville will be using \$65,312 American Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant for road work this year.

The town will also be replacing culverts in 2023 to take advantage of the Manitowoc County ARPA grant of \$65,312 for culvert replacement projects.



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The Town of Centerville should be receiving a Town Road Improvement grant in 2024.

Road Report: Chairman Kraemer reported the town had completed 4 miles of wedging & chipsealing on Point Creek Road, Cleveland Road, Countyline Road and Fischer Creek Road in 2022. There was also some wedging of some problem areas.

Chairman Kraemer gave an update on 2023 roadwork. There is about \$153,000 in the budget for roadwork for 2023 and about \$132,000 for culvert replacement to qualify for the Manitowoc County ARPA Grant.

Assessor's Report for Joe Denor from Fair Market Assessments was read by Supervisor Vogel. Total Real Estate Assessment for 2022 was: \$79,066,300. The 2022 Assessment to Sales Ratio for the Town was 83.02%, an increase of \$1,328,500 from 2021. The people receiving new assessments for 2023 are people who have made changes to their property in 2022, and will be mailed out the last week of April. Open Book and Board of Review will be held at LTC in May.

County Supervisor Kevin Behnke, 12th district report was read by Supervisor Jerry Vogel, reported that the County is planning a remodel of the courthouse. There have been some large numbers discussed, as much as 30 million. The committee is looking at many aspects and considerations of the project. Restoring to 1908, when the courthouse was built or restoring to the remodel that was made in 1957 after a storm. These are the challenges the committee is dealing with. Some of these decisions will be guided by the State Historical Society, because the Courthouse is on the State Registry. It will be a long process.

2022 Recycling Report: Chairman Kraemer noted the Newton Recycling Center is available to all Centerville residents. The center has changed their regular hours to 8 -3pm, Saturdays, year-round. He also noted that the price per bag of waste at the center has increased in 2023 from \$.75 to \$1.50 per bag due to increased waste disposal costs. Centerville's annual expenses for waste & recycling in 2022 were: \$10,586. Solid waste was \$4,356 for recycling \$6,230 and we received a Recycling Grant for \$3,850?

Chairman Kraemer also gave updates on the Manitowoc County Recycling Center which is also available to Centerville residents; as well as updates on the Manitowoc County Clean Sweep and Drug Collection program. Clean Sweep for 2023 will be May 19 for Farm & Business and May 20 for Residents.

Phragmites: Update read by Chairman Kraemer reported the Phragmites Control Project started in 2013 and grown to include Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet, Fond du lac, Kewaunee and Ozaukee Counties.

With support from a variety of state and federal sponsors, they have invested more than \$1.5 million, Just in Manitowoc County alone! In Centerville 2022, there were 136 documented parcels with Phragmites. 79 parcels have been treated for the first time, with 32.37 acres retreated. There are a number of parcels eradicated; the amount was unavailable, but will be included on next year's report. In 2022, Centerville



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contributed \$5000 towards the Phragmites Control Project. The town Board has agreed to the 2023 funding and will evaluate for future funding. A written consent form must be signed by landowner to benefit in the Phragmites Control Project, please let us know if you're interested.

Wild Parsnips: an invasive plant from Europe and Asia that has become naturalized in North America. It can be found in disturbed areas as well as in fields and lawns. Wild Parsnips has become a problem on part of Union Road. It can cause painful, localized burning and blistering of the skin when exposed to sunlight. The rash often is much more severe than Poison Ivy that can cause permanent scarring. Centerville will be spraying for this noxious weed on a portion of Union Road in 2022.

Centerville Private Cemetery Association: (Saxon Cemetery), It has been brought to the town's attention that the cemetery is having financial difficulties. The cemetery funds have been slowly depleting and is in great need of replenishment. In the past memorials given as well as interest on the fund balance have been used to pay for car of the cemetery expenses. However, a number of things have contributed to depletion of the maintenance fund over the years. There have been some larger expenses like cutting or removal of large trees, leveling of head stones driveway maintenance and landscaping. In addition to the extra expenses, there is the ongoing reasonable expenses for mowing and basic upkeep. In the past the cemetery used memorials and interest on the savings. But, with memorials decreasing, and interest rates low, the cemetery is not able to cover the costs and is need of donations or memorials. Please consider. The cemetery spring meeting is held the 1st Saturday in May of each year.

Designating Town Roads for ATV/UTV Use: Discussion was held on the possibility of opening up the town roads as ATV/UTV routes. There was interest from some residents to do this, but there also was concerns from some residents about the safety for the ATV/UTV drivers on some of the more traveled roads. The cost of signage was also a concern for some. No action was taken by the voters to direct the Town Board on this matter.

Open Discussion: State Representative Paul Tittl stopped at the meeting to introduce himself to residents and answer any questions they might have. He gave a brief update on things happening in Madison.

There was no other matters brought up at the meeting. The meeting attendants participated in the Centerville Trivia contest. Prizes were donated by Bonde's Quick Mart and Packer Inn.

Adjournment: The next annual town meeting is set for April 16, 2024. A motion was made to adjourn by Barb Backhaus with a second by Nick Salm. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Kraemer, Treasurer Town of Centerville