The Town of Centerville held its annual town meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM with lunch served compliments of Cleveland State Bank beginning at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kraemer at 6:34 PM. The pledge was stated by all present and introductions were given.

The clerk read the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Elroy Jaeger with a second by Russ Tooley to approve minutes. Motion carried. Election results were given from the April election.

Ian Quinn reported it was a quiet year for the Town of Centerville without many complaints. Brian Kraemer thanked Ian for taking on his role after Val Jean’s retirement.

The County supervisor’s report was read by Mike Bruckschen. The Rapids Road bridge in Manitowoc is set to be done by late summer to mid fall. The Expo cattle barn is done with many other updates done to the Expo. There is an ad-hoc committee to discuss a possible .5% increase of sales taxes in Manitowoc County.

Russ Tooley reported on the permits issued in 2018 along with the Board of Appeals and Planning and Zoning meetings. He discussed the current issues of frontage ordinances and short-term rental allowances.

Tony Meyer from the Cleveland Fire Department gave a breakdown of fire calls and first responder calls from the last year. He noted the need for more volunteers. The department currently has 28 active members, but would ideally like an additional 20 members.

Brian Kraemer reported on the approximate budget for the roads and the cost of routine maintence that the town was planning on for the upcoming summer. He noted that the board was planning to get together the following Saturday for road inspections and sign inspections would take place in the summer. He talked of the completed bridge improvement on Center Road and talked of the ages and history of other bridges in town.

Jerry Vogel reported for Joe Denor from Fair Market Assessments and announced the dates for Open Book and Board of Review.

Brian Kraemer thanked everyone for doing a nice job on recycling. He noted the summer hours for the recycling center. He stated the town spent between $4200-$4300 on recycling after grants. He noted dates and locations for electronics recycling and Clean Sweep.

The topic of phragmites and info on how to eradicate it was discussed. There is now a town ordinance against it. The board proposed budgeting for spraying phragmites in the future. Other invasive species are becoming problems in the area especially wild parsnip and giant hogwart.

For open discussion, the information from the newsletter and town website were discussed. Everyone at the meeting joined in a game of trivia before ending the meeting.

The next annual town meeting is set for April 21, 2020. A motion was made to adjourn by Elroy Jaeger with a second from Keith Grupe. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Orth