



Town of Centerville

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2022

The Town of Centerville's annual meeting took place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 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.

22 were present, including board members.

Motion was made and approved for Cynthia Kraemer to act as clerk for the Annual Town Meeting.

Enforcement Officer Ian Quinn reported that it was another quiet year. 3 citations were written; one for storing junk, one for operating an illegal junk yard and one for noxious weeds. The illegal junk yard resident ended up selling his property after getting citations and receiving letters from the DNR. When violations are made, there is a process that needs to follow, and it can sometimes take time to make progress.

The minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Election results from the April election were read and approved.

County Supervisor Kevin Behnke, 12th district report was read by Supervisor Jerry Vogel, reported that the County is in good financial condition, but is facing the same challenge as the private sector filling some of the employee positions. Another concern is the rate of inflation and how it will affect the county budget. The County Board is striving to keep control of any tax increases while still providing quality services to Manitowoc County.

Zoning Administrator Russ Tooley reported Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Board of Appeals, each held 3 meetings in 2021. There were 20 Building Permits in 2021 with a value of \$6,295,379 in 2021 vs only \$1,298,850 in 2020. With over 6 million dollars of construction permitting, 2021 was an unusual year. The difference is a result of a couple of new homes, a cell tower, construction at a religious resort and a business expansion.

Assessor's Report for Joe Denor from Fair Market Assessments was read by Supervisor Vogel. Total Real Estate Assessment for 2021 was: \$77,737,800. The 2021 Assessment to Sales Ratio for the Town of Centerville is 90.66%, which means that a house assessed at \$90,600 is worth \$100,000. The people receiving new assessments for 2022 are people who have made changes to their property in 2021. 2022 Open Book and Board of Review will both held at LTC in May.

Fire Chief, Tony Meyer from the Cleveland Fire Department gave a breakdown of calls. They had a total of 66 fire calls. 39 of those fire calls were from Centerville. The first responders had 116 calls. 40 of these were from Centerville. *The department had 18 car accidents, 3 vehicle fires, 3 structure fires, and 15 false alarms.* The Brat fry is scheduled for May 2nd.



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Chairman Kraemer reported the town had completed 2 miles of chipsealing and 3 miles of wedging & chipsealing along with some wedging of some problem areas in 2021. There also was a deck sealing done on the new bridge on Center Road by North Avenue.

Chairman Kraemer noted the summer hours for the recycling are 8 -3pm. In 2021 Newton Recycling Center processed 189 tons of garbage that was disposed of in the landfill and 80.4 tons of glass, plastics, cardboard and paper. There also was recycling of many tons of cans and scrap metal. Chairman Kraemer thanked residents for doing a good job of recycling, as it helps keep a good relationship with the Town of Newton, with who we share our site.

2022 Manitowoc County Clean Sweep will be held on May 14, 2022 for residents and May 13th for farm and businesses. The Manitowoc County 2021 Drug Collection Program has permanent drop boxes located in Manitowoc, Two Rivers, and Kiel. In 2021 a total of 2,077 pounds of medications were turned in. The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is also available for Centerville residents for items not accepted at the Newton site. The County Center will have tire collection from April through October 2022.

Chairman Kraemer also reported on PFAS. PFAS are a class of man-made fluorinated compounds that have been used in consumer products since the 1940's. They are known as the forever chemicals, because they never break down, in nature or in the body, and are affecting drinking water supplies across the country.

Phragmites Update read by Chairman Kraemer reported *The Phragmites Control Project* started in 2013 and raised over 1.7 million in grant funding. It has grown to include Manitowoc, Sheboygan and part of Calumet Counties. Glacierland is requesting funding from individual municipalities for follow-up treatments, Centerville's cost will be \$5000. The Town Board has agreed to contribute to the Phragmites project for 2022 and will evaluate the results to determine future funding.

Grant Updates were read by Chairman Kraemer. Town of Centerville received several types of Grants over the years including a Covid Grant in 2020, The American Rescue Plan Grant in 2021 & 2022 as well as Town Road Improvement grant projects over the years. There are now additional state road grants that the town has applied for and there is a new federal road grant for local governments the board is looking into. The Town Board is always looking for new grant opportunities to help benefit Centerville.

The next annual town meeting is set for April 18, 2023. A motion was made to adjourn by Tony Meyer with a second by Darwin Jaeger. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Kraemer, Treasurer Town of Centerville