



# Town of Centerville

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## TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, August 8, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Town of Centerville took place on Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 PM in the Cleveland Room at Lakeshore Technical College. Agendas for the meeting were posted accordingly. In attendance were Chairman Brian Kraemer, Supervisor Jerry Vogel, Supervisor Mike Bruckschen, Treasurer Cynthia Kraemer, Clerk Paulette Vogt, Law Enforcement Officer Ian Quinn, Zoning Administrator Russ Tooley, Karl and Robert Klessig, and Pete Pokorski from Pete's Trucking. Assessor Joe Denor was excused. Chairman Kraemer called the meeting to order.

The Pledge Allegiance was said by all present.

Supervisor Vogel made a motion to approve the Agenda, with a 2nd from Supervisor Bruckschen. Motion passed.

Supervisor Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bruckschen 2<sup>nd</sup> said motion. Motion passed. .

Public Input: Karl and Robert Klessig submitted an email to Russ Tooley about a neighborhood resident at 15621 South Union Road. In the letter they requested that they wanted to discuss the issue at the August Town Board Meeting. Karl said that the property had been abandoned for 20-25 years and that there was noxious weeds around the property, phragmites, windows broken in the buildings, and raccoons and rats cited. The Klessigs further stated that there are leaning trees falling onto their land along with buildings leaning and ready to fall onto their property as well. Karl and Robert Klessig wanted to know what the Town could enforce to help them with this problem. Chairman Kraemer said this complaint addresses what is a public nuisance versus a public health and safety issue and what authority the town has on these issues. Chairman Kraemer will check into the Klessig's concerns and what the town's legal authority is versus what is a civil matter on these complaints and will report back. Law Enforcement Officer Quinn will give the resident a deadline to get rid of the noxious weeds and will wait for clarification on the other issues.

Chairman Kraemer then addressed the liability issue of a culvert that the Klessigs had improved in the town right-of-way. Chairman Kraemer stated that although the Klessig driveway had been improved with the extension of a culvert, the side slopes were still too steep with not enough slope (2 to 1). Also the Klessigs did not obtain a permit. The Klessigs acknowledged that they did not know they needed one and will thus take care of that.

The issue came up that the ditch is the liability of the town and some of the Klessig's fences are too far into the town right-of-way. The Klessigs stated that they keep the ditch clean from tall grass and weeds and that there has been no history of anyone hitting any cattle grazing in the town's right-of-way. They would like the permission to look at the guidelines of the state to see about the right of way for the towns. They will report their findings at the next Town Board meeting in September.

Both Karl and Robert extended an appreciation to Officer Quinn and Pete Pokorski from Pete's Trucking for the well done jobs they are both doing for the Town.

Liquor License: Operator licenses for Steve and Patricia Hutchison were approved for Packer Inn – with a motion by Supervisor Bruckschen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Vogel. Motion carried.



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## Town Officer Report

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the treasurer's and clerk's bank reports. Everything was in order

Clerk Report: No report.

Assessor's Report: None

Zoning Administrator Report: Zoning Administrator Tooley reported that summer building is already slowing. There were two new permit requests along with zoning requires. The P&Z recommended for Town Board approval a Short Term Rental Licensing ordinance contingent on the Town's Attorney review. The attorney had no changes to recommend. There is a P&Z meeting scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> where they will review A3 changes and strengthen Conditional Use provisions.

In addition, Zoning Administrator Tooley stated that a resident on S. Union Road has inquired about a possible zone change so that he could build a mini-warehouse business.

Chairman Kraemer gave the Inspection Report of Inspector Roger Mayer.

Law Enforcement Officer Report: Law Enforcement Officer Ian Quinn reported that on July 20, 2019 he received a call from the Manitowoc Police for a resident possibly having 40 plus dogs and 2 litters of puppies on their property. He went to the property and saw only 10 dogs.

On July 22, 2019 Officer Quinn issued written warnings to two residents for storage of junk. He gave the residents 14 days to start clean up or citations would be issued.

On July 26, 2019 Officer Quinn got a call from dispatch that a resident's horses were on the road. Officer Quinn was out of state so dispatch had a deputy in route. Officer Quinn called Val Jean to see if he'd be willing to assist and he said he would. About an hour later Officer Quinn received another call from a person who said she was an animal rights activist claiming that a town resident had 40 plus dogs. Officer Quinn said that he would call this person Sunday after he would get home. The person had videos of the dogs which were sent to Officer Quinn. From the videos, Officer Quinn could not see the 40 dogs that were supposedly there.

On July 31, 2019 Officer Quinn received a call from a woman who wanted to remain anonymous and was concerned about the wellbeing of a resident's dogs. This person said they work for the vet clinic that the town resident brings their dogs to. Officer Quinn informed that person that he had asked the DA and a Lieutenant with the Sheriff's Department to help him investigate these claims against that resident.

On August 1, 2019 Officer Quinn went to that resident's property to issue a citation for animals and fowl not to run at large. Deputy Peronto met Officer Quinn there to discuss the ongoing and past situations with this resident. Officer Quinn told Deputy Peronto that he was concerned that the resident was operating a puppy mill again. Officer Quinn also showed Deputy Peronto the CCAP report stating a permanent civil injunction against the resident prohibiting the resident from possessing more than three household dogs. Officer Quinn and Deputy Peronto then approached the property which now had a lock on the gate. Officer Quinn then phoned the resident. The resident was then given a citation and was asked if they had more dogs than what was registered. Deputy Peronto asked if the resident was allowed to have those dogs in which the resident answered yes. Deputy Peronto said he would like proof or the



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resident had 30 days to reduce the amount of dogs to three. Deputy Peronto will be talking to his Lieutenant about this situation and will keep Officer Quinn informed as to what is happening. Afterwards Deputy Peronto called back and said the injunction was only for when the resident was on probation. The 30 days to reduce down to three dogs does not apply. Officer Quinn then contacted the resident and was informed that the resident had reduced the amount of dogs to five.

Road Report: Chairman Kraemer reported that on the weekend of July 21<sup>st</sup> the stop sign on Fiedler Road and S. Union Road was pushed over by a vehicle. Barricades were put up until the sign was reinstalled by Pete's Trucking. The same sign was again pushed over on July 28<sup>th</sup>, this time the post was broke off. The area was again barricaded until the post was replaced by Pete's Trucking. That same day a stop sign was also pushed over on County Rd X and Westview Road which was taken care of by Manitowoc County Highway Dept. On July 27<sup>th</sup> three trees that had blown over onto the roadway by a storm were cut and removed. Two were on Centerville Road between County X and Fischer Creek Road and one was on Center Road near the I-43 underpass. A barricade was also placed on S. Union Road where a hole was forming next to the Fischer Creek culvert. Pete has filled the hole with gravel and will patch. The board will monitor this to see if further repair measures are needed next year. There was a call from a resident about some pot holes starting on S. Cleveland Road. Shouldering was completed on August 8<sup>th</sup> on the mile of Centerville Road that was paved.

Peter Pokorski of Pete's Trucking reported that he may start ditch cutting again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final cutting. Chairman Kraemer reported that he had contacted the Town of Newton to see where they purchased their patching material and will be contacting the new company regarding their material.

Recycling Center: No report.

Approval of Check Register and Checks: Supervisor Vogel made a motion to approve the check register and checks, with a 2nd from Supervisor Bruckschen Motion passed.

Communications: Chairman Kraemer read an invitation that the Board was invited to the Twilight meeting at Soaring Eagle farm. Another letter was read about the upcoming Towns Association Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019 where Marc Holsen would be presenting program updates on the Local Road Improvement Program for 2020-2021.

The next monthly Board meeting will be Thursday, Septemer12, 2019, at 6:30 pm. at LTC in the Cleveland Room.

Without further business to complete, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM with a motion made by Supervisor Bruckschen and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Supervisor Vogel. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paulette Vogt, Clerk  
Town of Centerville