**MINUTES 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Town of Centerville held its Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 6:30 PM with lunch served compliments of Cleveland State Bank beginning at 6:00 PM. Agenda posted at LTC and Schmidt Excavating, sent to the media and posted on Town web site. Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Chairman Kraemer. The Pledge was said by all present and introductions were given. Brian noted we will move the County Report to the beginning of the meeting to go before previous minutes to be read. County Supervisor needed to get to another meeting.

Kevin Behnke introduced himself as the County Supervisor for our area. He talked about the sale of the Expo Property going through. He also talked of a condemned building at the fairgrounds that will be replaced and should be finished before the county fair takes place in August. Please feel free to contact Kevin with any concerns or questions.

The Clerk read the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting and a motion was made by Lynn Stueber with a second from Russell Hickmann to approve. Motion carried. Election results were given from the April election. It was announced that the position of Town Clerk was going to be available shortly. Brian said applications will be accepted for the position. The 2015 Annual Report was presented and there were no questions.

Russ Tooley reported on the 25 building permits that were issued in 2015. The permits were for 7 additions, 11 new constructions, 5 repairs, and 2 remodels. Russ thanked committee members for their help with renewing the Farmland Preservation Certification. And for their help with weed ordinances and resolutions in regards to invasive species such as phragmites. Please contact Russ with any permit questions.

Tony Meyer from the Cleveland Fire Department gave a breakdown of fire calls and first responder calls from the past year. There were 16 fire calls, which includes car accidents, and there were 23 first responder calls in the township. He also noted the need for more volunteers. The department currently has about 20 members, down from 30 – 35 in years past.

Road Report: Brian stated that the annual road inspection has been changed to Saturday the 23rd after being snowed out on the original date a few weeks prior. Bridge replacements have been changed and will move to 2017-2018. Brian noted that road maintenance and improvements are approximately 2/3 of the total budget. A resident asked about gravel roads and if they would be cheaper to maintain in the long run and would help cut down the cost of road maintenance.

Val Jean stated it was a good year again for Centerville. There were only 4 written warnings for dogs. There were only 3 citations written for animals at large. Val Jean also mentioned that due to a law change dogs taken to the shelter are only held for four days instead of seven. He reminded residents to keep tags on their dogs or to have them microchipped. He is also the weed commissioner for the Town and asked if anyone has any problems to please call. Val Jean asked if you see any dumping issues to please call as well.

A speaker for the ride assist program for disabled people in rural communities was unable to attend the meeting. Brochures were left for residents to look over.

Allen reported for Joe Denor from Fair Market Assessments. The 2015 equalized value was just over 69 million dollars, down from 2014 where it was just over 72 million dollars. He stated that property owners that are due for new assessments for 2016 will be getting their notices of new assessments by the end of the week. The dates for Open Book and Board of Review for 2016 were also stated.

Brian thanked everyone for doing a nice job on recycling as Newton has no concerns with our residents. Newton will continue to change their hours for summer, as that has been working well for them. It was noted that the summer hours printed in the newsletter were incorrect, it should’ve been 8-3 instead of 8-4. Brian noted the dates for Manitowoc County clean sweep. He also mentioned that prescription drugs can be taken to the Manitowoc Police Department anytime for disposal. A town resident did question the town’s junk ordinance and was told that action is taken based on complaints. Brian did show the town’s website on a screen and noted the link to the recycling center.

Open Discussion: Nobody had any concerns or questions.

The next Annual Town meeting is set for Tuesday, April 18, 2017. A motion was made to adjourn by Karen Marx with a second from Lynn Stueber. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

 Respectfully submitted

 Stacy Orth,

Deputy Town Clerk

Above minutes are unapproved and will be approved at the next Annual Meeting.

I, Stacy Orth, attest the above minutes were posted in four public places in the Town of Centerville on Thursday, April 21, 2015, at the following locations: Schmidt Excavating, Inc., and Glass Doors by Wells Fargo Conference Room Entrance at Lakeshore Technical College