

**TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK**  
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## 2022 WINTER NEWSLETTER

**IT'S TAX TIME!!!**

**Treasurer's Collections:** The tax bills are ready and you probably have received them by now. You can pay your taxes in person at the town hall on the following *dates and times*: December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am-3pm, and January 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. If the weather would be bad on these dates, please call the Treasurer, Tory Much, to make sure that she is there. Make all checks payable to the "Town of Maple Creek" for the exact amount only. If you wish to pay your taxes my mail, send your check and tax stub to: Town of Maple Creek, %Tory Much, Treasurer, W10320 Schwandt Rd., New London, Wisconsin 54961, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope if a receipt is needed. PLEASE NOTE: First State Bank is no longer accepting tax payments from Maple Creek.

**Dog Licenses:** All dogs 5 months of age in 2022 and older, need to be registered with the Town by April 1, 2023. You can license your dog at tax time. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required. Licenses are \$8, but are reduced to \$3 for a spayed or neutered animal. If you have further dog licensing questions, please contact the treasurer.

✓ A chip reader for identifying lost dogs was donated to the town by Spooks On Spurr, owner Pat Williams.

THANK YOU!

**Special Charges:** GARBAGE--The special charge on the tax roll this year for garbage pickup is \$143.04. This charge is based on the total 2022 refuse collection expense divided by the users. Contact the town clerk for any questions about refuse charges. POWTS--This is a County special charge of \$13. It stands for "Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System". Since we have private septic systems out here, the County charges a maintenance fee to cover costs for their administrative program. If you have any questions about this charge, please contact the Outagamie County Development and Land Services office: <https://www.outagamie.org/government/departments-a-e/development-and-land-services/staff-directory> or 920-832-5255.

**Net Mill Rates:** The "net" mill rates for Maple Creek are:

Those tax bills within the School District of Shiocton—0.016986061 or \$16.98 per thousand of assessed value.

Those tax bills within the School District of New London—0.013911791 or \$13.91 per thousand of assessed value.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION REVIEW**

We had 272 total voters with 11 voting absentee along with 18 new registrations. A big "thank you" to the day's Election Inspector's: Karen Stuhr, Chief Inspector, Donna Young, Virginia Knorr, Judy Handschke, Gary Coroneos, Glenda Bryant, Judie Knapp, Christine Thompson, Gail Schley and greeter, Tracey Anderson. Here's a breakdown of the results:

Gov/Lieutenant Gov	Evers/Rodriguez-63	Michels/Roth-202	Joan Beglinger/na-6	
Attorney General	Kaul-----68	Toney-----204		
Sec of State	La Follette-----53	Loudenbeck---207	Harmon-----6	McFarland-----3
State Treasurer	Richardson-----52	Leiber-----205	Zuelke-----11	
US Senator	Barnes-----61	Johnson-----206	Write-in-----1	
Rep in Cong/Dist. 8	Write-in-----3	Gallagher-----218	VandenPlas-----15	Boucher-----28
Rep in Assem/Dist 40		Petersen-----219	Fries-----43	Write-in-----1
County Sheriff		Kriewaldt-----246	Write-in-----1	
County Coroner		Bartelt-----239	Write-in-----1	
County Ck/Cir Court		Bocik-----241	Write-in-----1	
Advisory Referendu	Yes-----205	No-----55		

**POST-ELECTION VOTING EQUIPMENT AUDIT**

Following each general election, an audit is conducted across the State to check the performance of each voting system that is used, to determine the error rate of the system. The Town of Maple Creek, along with 7 other polling places in Outagamie County, was randomly chosen to perform an audit of the election equipment used in the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. The two machines used in Maple Creek are: ES&S (Election Systems and Software) DS 200 (tabulator) and the Express Vote (marking device only). On December 1<sup>st</sup> the clerk, along with 5 other inspectors, hand counted all the paper ballots that were marked by hand and with the Express Vote that were fed into the machine tabulator on Election Day. The results were the same except for one ballot. The auditors didn't count a ballot that the voter marked with all x's instead of filling out the ovals. The auditors were supposed to count the ballots as they believed the machine would. They didn't believe the machine would pick up the x's. So, the auditors didn't count that ballot and those races were off by one. However, good news, the machine is very sensitive and did count the ballot marked with all x's. We had 272 ballots and the numbers were off by the one ballot involved. The moral of the story is, please fill in the oval on the ballot and don't rely on the machine to pick up any other mark (even though it did in this case). The Town will receive from the State \$145.20 to offset the total cost of the audit.

**2023 ELECTIONS**

There will be 2 elections in 2023. A Spring Primary Election (if needed) on February 21, 2023 and the Spring Election on April 4, 2023. The Spring Election will be for Town Offices. Packet information to gain ballot access is now available from the clerk. The following are the positions/incumbents that will be up for election:

Chairperson	Susan Griffin
Supervisor	James Young
Supervisor	John Knapp
Clerk(currently appointed but this is an elected position)	Lynette Gitter
Treasurer	Tory Much
Constable	Matthew Bruette

If you would be interested in running for one of these positions, please contact the clerk. The positions are for 2 years starting April 25, 2023. There will be individuals knocking on your door to have their nomination papers signed. A minimum of 20 to a maximum of 100 names are required to get on the ballot. Please be courteous.

Here are the deadlines:

- December 23, 2022—deadline for incumbents not seeking reelection to file a notification of non-candidacy with the clerk. Failure to do so will extend the nomination paper deadline by 72 hours for that office.
- January 3, 2023—deadline (5pm) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign finance registration statements for the spring election with the clerk.

For more ballot access information go here: <https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/local-candidates>

## TOWN REVALUATION

Ag Use questionnaires were mailed by Associated Appraisal Consultants at the end of October. If you received one and have questions, please contact them at 920-749-1995 or email at [info.apraz@gmail.com](mailto:info.apraz@gmail.com).

## OUTAGAMIE COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM CORNERS 2023 (PLSS)

Westwood Professional Services Inc. (Westwood) is contracted to do routine maintenance for the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Government Corners. These government corners are the Section corners, Quarter Section corners with their accessory monuments and are generally every 1/2 mile throughout the County. The purpose of the monuments is to define the location of section and quarter lines and are used as the starting point for land descriptions. In 2023, Westwood will have field crews visiting corner monuments in Township 23 North, Range 15East which will include the **Town of Maple Creek** and part of the **Town of Liberty**. We will also have field crews in the Township 23 North, Range 16 East which will include the **Town of Bovina** and the **Village of Shiocton**. The field work will happen throughout the year and will require the field crews to access private property to maintain many of the corner monuments. Wisconsin State Statute 59.73(2) provides that a County surveyor, professional land surveyor or their assistants are not liable as a trespasser when providing these services. You can see the location of the monuments by visiting [Outagamie.org](http://Outagamie.org), navigating to “Government” > “Development & Land Services” > “GIS Maps & Property Information” > “#8. PLSS Finder”. Through this map application you can view the location of the government corners and open a link to the current U.S. Public Land Survey Monument Record. My County office hours are on Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 12 pm. If you have questions, please contact me at 920-832-2039 or email at: [Terry.VanHout@Outagamie.org](mailto:Terry.VanHout@Outagamie.org)  
You can also reach me at the Westwood office at 920-830-6185 or email at: [Terry.VanHout@WestwoodPS.com](mailto:Terry.VanHout@WestwoodPS.com)

## IT'S SNOW PLOWING TIME

Just a reminder to NOT push/plow snow across the Town and/or County road when clearing your driveway. A hazardous road condition could be created. The Town is responsible for keeping all roads passable and clear of encroachments. Please keep your neighbors in mind and don't be part of a preventable situation.

## TOWN HALL RENTAL

The Town Hall is once again available to be rented. The fee is \$100 with \$50 refundable if the hall is cleaned up and put back in its original condition. Contact the clerk.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits ARE required in Maple Creek. Contact the building inspector, Mike Miller, with questions.

## MEETING MOTION HIGHLIGHTS:

### Town Board:

#### October 10, 2022

- Griffin made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve the Treasurer's Tax Bond with a coverage amount of \$250,000. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve the boring of a culvert under Pribbernow Road by Dalton Korth for a manure line. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve the land division of parcel no. 160049000 into two lots for Scott Doucette, Hintz Road, and to approve the rezoning of the 2-acre lot from Exclusive Ag to General Ag for a future building site. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve purchasing a hedge trimmer in 2023 for not more than \$350. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Griffin made a motion, seconded by Young, to hire New London Tree Service to remove this year, the marked spruce tree in Cemetery 2 for \$500. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to hire Lynette Gitter to clean the town hall for \$12 and hour. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

#### October 17, 2022

- Young made a motion, seconded by Griffin, to approve Budget Resolutions 2022-B1, 2022-B2 and 2022-B3. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve to approve paying the Plan Commission Chairperson a meeting per diem when attending the town board meetings. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

#### November 14, 2022 Public Budget Hearing, Special Town Elector, Special Town Board

- Lynette Gitter made a motion, seconded by Jim Young, to approve the 2022 collected in 2023 town tax levy of \$68,099. Ayes 5, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to adopt the 2022 collected in 2023 proposed budget with a Maple Creek tax levy of \$68,099. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

#### November 14, 2022 Town Board

- Griffin made a motion, seconded by Young, to renew the ARPA CD and add another \$32,237.91, with Community First for 14 months at 3.93% Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve the land division CSM for Ken/Mary Lou Ziemer. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve the 5-year fire services contract with the City of New London for \$6,180.16 per year. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve the Town Advocacy Council dues in the amount of \$147.50 for one year. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Knapp, to approve signing the town hall snowplowing contract with Hintzke Snow Removal, Jason Hintzke, owner. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Knapp made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve Resolution No. 1-2022 to statutorily permit special charges to the real estate tax roll for 2022 collected 2023. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.
- Griffin made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve paying the clerk \$12/hour for the Election equipment audit. Ayes 3, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Plan Commission:**

**October 6, 2022**

- Motion made by Coroneos, seconded by Gitter, to approve the CSM numbered 660049, which splits parcel no. 160 049000 into 2 lots. Ayes 4, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 1. MOTION CARRIED.
- Motion made by Young, seconded by Siewert, to approve rezoning the 2 acre lot for Scott Doucette, Hintz Road, from Exclusive Agriculture to General Agriculture. Ayes 4, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**November 10, 2022**

- Motion made by Gitter, seconded by Siewert, to approve the proposed Certified Survey Map for Ken Ziemer dividing and recreating parcel nos. 160032700 and 160032701. Ayes 4, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, Absent 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS (at Town Hall unless otherwise stated):**

- Taxes December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- January 5, 2023 Plan Commission if needed, 6:00 p.m.
- January 9, 2023 Town Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Taxes January 21<sup>st</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- February 9, 2023 Plan Commission if needed, 6:00 p.m.
- February 13, 2023 Town Board, 6:30 p.m.
- February 21, 2023 Spring Primary Election 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- March 9, 2023 Plan Commission if needed, 6:00 p.m.
- March 13, 2023 Town Board, 6:30 p.m.
- April 4, 2023 Spring Election 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- April 6, 2023 Plan Commission if needed, 6:00 p.m.
- April 10, 2023 Town Board, 6:30 p.m.
- April 18, 2023 Annual Elector Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- ✓ Find out about curbside recycling, the do's and don'ts here: <https://www.recyclomoreoutagamie.org/curbside-recycling-2/> Any recycling disposed of in plastic bags gets pulled off their sorting lines immediately and goes to the landfill.
- ✓ News and information regarding fire prevention from DSPS here: [https://dspd.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/FirePrevention/Default.aspx?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://dspd.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/FirePrevention/Default.aspx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
- ✓ Apply for a Farmland Preservation agreement here: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/ApplyFPAAgreement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ApplyFPAAgreement.aspx)
- ✓ Prevent fraud and sign up for Outagamie County Land Notification Alerts at: [www.outagamie.org](http://www.outagamie.org), Register of Deeds Tab or <https://landshark.co.outagamie.wi.us/Ins.app> or questions: call ROD at 920-832-5095

**REFUSE AND RECYCLING:**

Correction for December!! The garbage and recycling pickup are on December 30<sup>th</sup> NOT December 31<sup>st</sup>!!

Here's the schedule:

Dates:	Garbage (Harter's): 1-888-804-8556	Recycling (Orion): 1-920-759-0501
December	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	9, 23
January	6, 13, 20, 27	13, 27
February	3, 10, 17, 24	10, 24
March	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	10, 24
April	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 21

Refuse pickup is every Friday while recycling pickup is every other Friday. The only exception is when there is a holiday **During** the week, then pickup is on **SATURDAY** as highlighted in **bold** on the table.

If for some reason you are missed during the garbage pickup, please call Harter's or Orion right away so they can get back to you while their trucks are still in the area.

Harter's also offers large item pickup days during the month. Call them for the details.

\*\*\*\*\*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR\*\*\*\*\*

Contact Information

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Matthew Bruette, Constable  
*animal calls*  
920-858-9455

Paul Gitter  
*culvert, driveway permits*  
920-538-4999

Gary Coroneos, Cemetery Sexton  
& Plan Commission Chairman  
920-982-5617

Joe Close  
*raft inspections*  
920-572-2943

Harter's Refuse Service (*refuse*)  
1-888-804-8556

Mike Miller  
*building permits*  
920-428-3331

Associated Appraisal  
1-800-721-4157  
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