

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
February 13, 2017
Town Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Gitter

Chairman Gitter called the February 13, 2017 Maple Creek Town Board meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verify open meeting notices, roll call, approval of agenda order (stands as is unless motion for change) The agenda for these minutes was posted at the three Town posting boards on Monday, February 6, 2017. *Elected Officers present:* Paul Gitter, Larry Morrison, Jim Young, Tory Much, Steve Janke. *Others present:* Dennis Handschke, Chris Thompson, Deb Radmer, Glenn Janke, Lynette Gitter, Deputy Clerk and County Officer Lastusky. *Officers absent:* Larry Katerzynske, Clerk.

Supervisor Morrison wants to talk about broadband internet and can he bring it up somewhere; possibly under public input. Deputy Clerk Gitter suggested that he brings it up under future agenda items.

Approval of January 9, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes

Supervisor Young made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, to approve the January 9, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes. All ayes, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Monthly Report – Discussion and possible action may be taken

The balances for all accounts as of January 31, 2017 are as follows: Checking - \$2,023.98; Investment Savings - \$305,186.39; and Town CD's - \$157,466.69. Total town funds - \$464,677.06. Balances stand subject to an audit.

Outagamie County Sheriff's officer report (if in attendance)

Officer Lastusky commented that all has been quiet in Maple Creek. Glenn Janke asked if the officer knew what was going on at the corner of 76 and CHW WW; if the residence has changed hands. The officer had no new information to report regarding the residence.

Public Input: Pursuant to WI Statutes 19.83(2) and 19.84(2), the public may present matters for Town Board consideration, however, they cannot be discussed or acted upon until the subject matter, of the proposed action, has been noticed.

Steve Janke commented that it was nice that the grader went down the roads.

Dennis Handschke commented that the stop sign by Pribbernow Road and CHW W is leaning.

Steve Janke/Deb Radmer commented that the bump is back on Buboltz and Hoffman Roads.

Glenn Janke commented that it was reported in the newsletter that all the survey markers are all gone for the town roads. Mr. Janke stated that that was incorrect. There were never survey markers on the town roads and that it would be stupid to put them in; it would be throwing money away.

Specific matters for discussion and possible action:

Clint Danke's septic holding tank pumping updates

Chairman Gitter contacted Doug Depies from County Zoning regarding holding tank pumping for Clint Danke. Chairman Gitter told Depies that he doesn't like the idea of taking over the pumping again for the Danke's and why doesn't the County do something about it. After discussion, Chairman Gitter agreed that the Town will pump it this one time and then come up with a different plan. In the meantime, the Danke's have put a credit card on file with the septic pumper. Chairman Gitter told Doug Depies to let us know if/when the credit card is no longer working for the pumping. Supervisor Young suggested tabling this until we hear from the County about non-payment. Supervisor Morrison made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Young, to not cover the cost to pump the holding tank as long as the Danke's are covering it with a credit card. All ayes, MOTION CARRIED.

Alvin Jones – River Road – Zoning Department letter, too many non-road ready vehicles

The Town Clerk received a copy of a letter sent to Alvin Jones from Steve Swanson at County Zoning regarding unlicensed and/or non-road ready vehicles located at his property at W10026 River Road. Salvage yards are not allowed in General Agriculture Districts. He has 60 days to apply for a special exception permit or limit the number of unlicensed and /or non-road ready vehicles to one(1). Chairman Gitter stated that County Zoning is just letting us know the situation. There's nothing to do at this time.

Letter from WI Department of Safety & Professional Services regarding Bear Creek Vol Fire Department audit result

The Town Clerk received a letter from Department of Safety & Professional Services regarding an audit that was conducted for the calendar year of 2016 of the Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department. It was the opinion of the auditor that the Bear Creek Fire Dept is not in substantial compliance with the State of Wisconsin SPS.314, Fire Prevention code and 2% fire dues program. One area of concern was the lack of proper inspection records. The non-compliance will not result in the withholding of the 2% fire dues payment for this year, approximately \$2,000. Another audit will be completed in 2017 to confirm that the necessary changes have been made.

Renew CD – Tory

Treasurer Much recommends just cashing in the CD for \$7,400 and use it for bills. The best rate for a 6 month CD would be only .45%. The Board unanimously agreed.

Refuse reimbursement request- Heideman – See Ord No. 8, Sub. 5.

John Heideman, N6642 County Road D, would like the refuse reimbursed for 2015 collected on his 2016 taxes for this residence. He stated that it was never occupied. The Town Board passed a new ordinance in 2015, "Establishing Mandatory Refuse And Recycling Collection For One And Two Family Dwellings". Subsection 5 states that collection service is mandatory regardless of occupancy status. Chairman Gitter made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, to not reimburse the refuse reimbursement in accordance with the ordinance. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

New election machine – letter from county

The County Clerk, Lori O'Bright, is looking to move election equipment procurement up to 2018, originally 2019. The equipment used in the County is aging and seven municipalities have Eagle equipment which will be obsolete after 2018. It's advantageous for all the municipalities to have compatible equipment. She has brought this up to the County Finance committee suggesting that the County procure the equipment with the municipalities being responsible for the annual maintenance. The Finance Committee suggested a 50/50 split. Clerk O'Bright followed up with an email on Jan 31st stating that she is attempting to use as much persuasive argument as possible for the County to put up the cost. The "grant" from the County may only be a one-time deal and the Town would be on their own in the future if not taken. There will be more information available soon.

Roads

Roloff and Finger signs, road end signs, and curve signs for Spurr road are here

Chairman Gitter will take some time to put up the signs, not this week. He would like to let the snow melt in the ditches first. He'll call to schedule a time and get that posted.

Finishing surfacing on Schweitzer road- plan?

This will be finished sometime in June. Chairman talked to John Carpenter and confirmed it.

WAPA (WI Asphalt Pavement Assoc.) Seminar Registration, Liberty Hall, March 9

Chairman Gitter would like to attend this. Would anyone else like to go? Supervisor Young would like to go. The clerk should fax in the registration. This is only for an afternoon.

WTA District meeting, Feb 17, the Marc, DePere, A quorum of the board will be in attendance

Chairman Gitter and Supervisor Young will attend this meeting.

Purchase of 4 Town Officers Handbook

There's a new updated version of the Town Officers Handbook available. The Chairman feels that every officer should have one and the office should have one. Supervisor Morrison made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Young, to purchase 4 books at the district meeting. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Monthly budget review sheet

Included for information only.

Report from Gold Cross Ambulance meeting

Supervisor Morrison thought they explained themselves. He didn't like their response times but they have now improved them. There were public comments from the audience. The contract has been signed.

Open Book and Board of Review Date

The Chairman has a call into Dave Kittel at Associated Appraisal. Mr. Kittel did not get back to the Chairman. The BOR was May 10 last year. The Board decided to wait on this decision. There's still time to come up with some dates.

Report of officers:

Clerk: Spring Primary, Feb 21

Cemetery: Nothing.

Constable: Officer was trying to get a hold of constable, picked up a dog near CHW 76. The owner came and picked up the dog.

Building Inspectors: Nothing.

Raft: The 2017 raft stickers are now available for 2017 raft permits issued in the clerk's office.

Planning Commission: Nothing.

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Steve Janke was wondering if those handbooks would be available on-line.

Complaints and/or Correspondence/ No action taken

- 1) Notice of Timber Cutting Permit – Good until Dec 31 – Cutting will be done by Jones Forestry, LLC for Neal Bolinske of logs and pulp
- 2) Notice of reissue of WI Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to Sugar Creek Farm LLC – Receiving Water and Location: unnamed tributary streams within the Lower Little Wolf River and Embarrass River Watersheds, and groundwaters of the state – Additional permit information can be found here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>.
- 3) Community Block Grant funding application training sessions – received via email and forwarded to Supervisors – Feb 22, Fitchburg and March 1, Wausau
- 4) Fox Valley Tech College – Board appointments – terms are expiring

Review and payment of vouchers

Vouchers for checks numbering 10270 to 10299 were submitted for review and payment. An additional payment will be made by direct debit from checking for the February 2017 IRS-941 payment.

Future Agenda Items: Discussion/Action on future agenda items?

- 1) Inquiry/Questions on whether a fabrication business can be setup on a piece of property located on CTW D located in the Town of Maple Creek
- 2) Broadband capabilities – Supervisor Morrison – Supervisor Morrison inquired of the audience of their internet options. Waupaca County is pursuing a broadband sweep. Outagamie County is working on it per Executive Nelson. Would the Town Board be willing to raise taxes for fiber optic and Satellite Installation?
- 3) Town Hall maintenance – termites?

Adjournment/Calendar:

Spring Primary – February 21, polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Next Town Board meeting – March 13, 2017 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Young made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Board Meeting, February 13, 2017

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Maple Creek Board held on the 13th day of February, 2017, and were entered in this record book by:

_____, Clerk,

and were approved this 13th day of March 2017 by:

_____, Chairman Gitter

_____, Supervisor Morrison

_____, Supervisor Young