

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK  
September 14, 2020  
Town Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Korth called the September 14, 2020 Maple Creek Town Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.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 Friday, September 11, 2020.

Elected Officers present: Dalton Korth, Mike Bruette, Jim Young (Entered at 6:55 p.m.) and Tory Much.

Appointed Officer present: Lynette Gitter

Others present: Gary Coroneos, Glen Janke, Chris Thompson, Mike Miller, Mike Siewert, Steve Swanson and Jason Pausma

**Approval of August 10, 2020 monthly Town Board meeting minutes**

Korth made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the August 10, 2020 Town Board meeting minutes. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Monthly Report**

**A. Monthly Report**

The balances for all accounts as of August 31, 2020, are as follows: Checking - \$35,242.59;

Investment Savings - \$305,006.38; and Town CD's - \$ 129,715.85. Total town funds--\$469,964.82. Stands as read subject to an audit with the clerk.

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

None

**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.**

A question was asked of Steve Swanson about the dog kennel permit on County Road D. Complaints have been made about barking dogs and what can the County do about it. Mr. Swanson indicated that it is a Town Constable issue.

**Specific matters for discussion and possible action:**

**A. County Officers to address Solar Farms in Outagamie County**

County Employees, Steve Swanson/Zoning Administrator, Jason Pausma/Lead Planner and Kara Homan/Development & Land Services Director (by phone), were in attendance to give an overview about a potential zoning/land use issue that is being proposed. About 1 month ago, a nationwide solar energy company contacted Outagamie County along with other county land use departments around Wisconsin about the construction of solar farms. They are not regulated by the permitting process, but are dealt with like electric companies through the Public Service Commission. They are looking at several sites: Clintonville area, New London area and Forest Junction area. They have approached a local land owner, Dalton Korth, about converting his land over to a solar farm. So far, there has only been verbal communication. They will decide on a site sometime in October with the Public Service Commission making the final decision. It is the County's position to work cooperatively with the company and help the local community with a development agreement. Any land converted to solar farms takes it out of agriculture production and therefore is not eligible for Farmland Preservation credits. Questions or concerns:

- The town would receive a utility payment on their shared revenue;
- There would be traffic concerns, especially during construction, and the County would help negotiate for the wear and tear on local and county roads;

- There is the potential to be annexed to the City of New London like the ATC line, but one of the requirements is a petition by the landowner.
- They are about 10 feet tall. Vegetation would be planted around them.
- Not sure about the removal after 10 or 20 years or when they exceed their usefulness.

Mr. Swanson and Mr. Pausma left at this time. Call them for any other zoning issues or with any other questions. Mr. Swanson is working from home these days and left his cell phone number.

**B. Plan Commission Meeting Recommendations (See minutes; Gary Coroneos):**

**1. Pat White wetland restoration: Approve issuing conditional use permit**

Gary Coroneos reported that the Plan Commission approved this as submitted.

Korth made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the County issuing a conditional use permit for Pat White wetland restoration. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**2. Scott Thomas land split: Approve the land split (CSM) as proposed. County still needs to review.**

Gary Coroneos reported that the Plan Commission approved this as submitted. The Clerk reported that it was submitted to the County Zoning for comments. The Town Board decided to table this until next month after the County has had a chance to review the CSM.

**3. Minimum Lot Size Ordinance 8.04: Recommend no changes to the ordinance (Vote 3aye-2nay)-Call Public hearing—Clerk proposes Thursday, October 8**

Gary Coroneos reported that the Plan Commission voted to leave this ordinance as is. The main concerns were private septic systems and the possibility for bizarre looking lots. There were lots of comments from the audience. The clerk recommends Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for the public hearing. Korth made a motion, seconded by Young to call a Public Hearing on the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance for Thursday, October 8, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. The clerk will put this in the newsletter and will do the posting and publication.

**C. Road sign theft: update from DA's office**

We received an update on the theft of road signs. The named defendant did enter into a 'Voluntary Pre-Charge Agreement' through the Young Adult Offender Program. It's possible the Town may receive some restitution.

**D. Meeting Report updates:**

**(1) BC Fire Department Semiannual meeting:** We received the minutes from the Village regarding this meeting. None of the Board members were in attendance. They are talking about a 5 year timeline for a new engine. They approved the SAP program for the First Responders for 5 years. Maple Creek had 7 incidents/calls so far this year. The next meeting is set for April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**(2) County WTA unit meeting:** All three board members were in attendance. The biggest take away was that the County is considering an ordinance allowing UTV's on the County roads.

**(3) Ambulance meeting/2021 budget:** Supervisor Young was in attendance. Gold Cross is proposing an increase in the ambulance subsidy for 2021. It is currently \$10.32 per capita. They are proposing a \$15.33 per capita for 2021. The total cost to Maple Creek would be \$9,366.06. This is an increase of \$3,060.54 from 2020.

**E. Mike Miller-Building Inspector-1 permit issued-Jacob Leeman/lean to/Young Road**

The Board would like to see some information about a "potential" permit when know. By the time the permit comes through, the Town Board has not had a chance to give any input. Mr. Miller will try to alert us before he issues a permit. Also, there is not contract for this. Mr. Miller has a contract he can send us for our review. This should be brought back next month.

**F. Roads:**

- **Hintz Road update:** It's done except for the shouldering
- **Smear Patch update:** Two places on Buboltz Road and one load on Affeldt Road
- **Mowing:** It was finished last week with two passes.
- **Brush Cutting:** Chairman Korth put in 2 hours on Hintzke and Buboltz Roads
- **Bridge on Buboltz Road:** The County completed some work. The charges will be shared with the County.
- **Culvert on Hintzke Road:** There's a culvert that needs replacing. Chairman Korth will get an estimate. The plan is to blacktop along with the City of New London sometime in the near future.
- **Approve Driveway/Culvert permit-Chad Paul-Schweitzer Road:** Paul Gitter received an application for a culvert from Chad Paul for a 15'x 40' plastic culvert and recommends the permit. Bruette made a motion, seconded by Young to approve the culvert permit for Chad Paul on Schweitzer Road. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

### **G. Recycling and Garbage Cans update**

Chairman Korth has distributed all the extra garbage cans. He will contact Harter's Disposal to see if we can buy some used ones.

### **H. Clerk:**

#### **1. Approve new poll worker list—Sue Griffin and Judy Knapp**

Bruette made a motion, seconded by Young to approve hiring two new poll workers; Sue Griffin and Judie Knapp. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **2. Appoint Nicole Close Deputy Clerk-Set Wage**

Larry Katerzynske will no longer be the Deputy Clerk. Clerk Gitter would like to approve another Deputy. After discussion, Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette to approve appointing Nicole Close as Deputy Clerk. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. Bruette made a motion, seconded by Young to set the Deputy Clerk wages for \$12 per hour. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **3. Purchase various items for Election**

Bruette made a motion, seconded by Korth to spend up to \$500 for James Young to build sneeze guards, and to purchase 1 express vote canopy and 1 voting screen for the election. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **4. Set Budget work meeting--Clerk proposes Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm**

Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette to approve calling a Town Board Budget work meeting for October 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **5. Call/Set the Budget Public Hearing, Special Town meeting of the Electors, and Special Town Board meetings—Clerk proposes Monday, November 16 starting at 6:30pm**

Young made a motion, seconded by Korth to approve calling a Budget Public Hearing, a Special Town Elector, and a Special Town Board meeting on November 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **6. Newsletter items**

No other ideas for the newsletter.

### **I. Dumpster for free Tire pickup week-update**

There are quite a few tires left on the ground from the tire pickup. We should probably just get another dumpster to take them and review this again before next year. Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette to approve the clerk contacting Harter's to get a 30 yard box dropped at the Town Hall for the additional tires. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

### **8) Report of officers:**

- **Clerk**—handled earlier
- **Raft**—none
- **Plan Commission**—none
- **Constable**—none
- **Building Inspector**—1 permit issued-Jacob Leeman/lean to/Young Road
- **Cemetery Commission**—Treasurer Much will be setting up a meeting.

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There was a question regarding the October 8<sup>th</sup> timeline for the public hearing, and if that will be enough time for people to respond.

Supervisor Young reported that the sides of a culvert on Nitzke Road that needs some gravel. He'll take care of it.

### **Complaints and/or Correspondence/No action taken**

- County Sales Tax MC share Report-\$6,329
- Equalization report

### **Review and payment of vouchers**

Vouchers for checks numbering 11458 to 11481 were submitted for review and payment. Additional payments will be made by direct debit from checking for the September IRS withholding tax and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter State Withholding tax.

**Future Agenda Items: Discussion/Action?**

Mike Miller, building inspector contract  
Minimum Lot Size

**Adjournment/Calendar: October 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting 6:30pm**

Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Maple Creek Board held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020, and were entered in this record book by: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk Gitter And were approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 by:

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman Korth

\_\_\_\_\_, Supervisor Bruette

\_\_\_\_\_, Supervisor Young