

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
August 12th, 2019
Town Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Korth called the August 12th, 2019 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, August 9, 2019. *Elected Officers present:* Dalton Korth, Mike Bruette, Jim Young, Lori O'Connell, Tory Much, Steve Janke. *Others present:* Paul Gitter, Larry Katerzynske, Debra Radmer, Steve Knapp, Gary Coroneos, Chris Thompson and Mike Siewert.

Approval of July 8th, 2019 Town Board meeting minutes *Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the July 8th, 2019 Town Board meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.*

Treasurer's Monthly Report

The balances for all accounts as of July 31, 2019, (reported on August 12, 2019) are as follows: Checking - \$3,201.41; Investment Savings - \$258,418.60; and Town CD's - \$126,209.10. Total town funds now are \$387,829.11.

Outagamie County Sheriff's officer report (if in attendance) Not present

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. D.Radmer brought up concerns over golf carts driving on the roads as well as children under 16yrs of age riding/driving ATVs which is illegal.

Specific matters for discussion and possible action:

A. Wolf River Propane contract – *Chairman Korth made a motion to continue propane service with Wolf River Propane and sign the 2019-2020 contract for 900 gal (same # of gal as 2018-19) @ \$1.13/gal. Motion seconded by Young. MOTION CARRIED.* That price is down from last year's price of \$1.20/gal.

B. Outagamie County ½% sales tax increase January 1, 2020 – Korth attended the Outagamie County Unit meeting July 5, 2019 and brought back info regarding the sales tax increase. The town should receive a small \$ amount per resident of the shared revenue on the ½% increase. The information packet is available at the Town Hall for further information.

C. WTA July meeting info – Korth attended the July 5, 2019 WTA Outagamie County Unit meeting and brought back info on the Outagamie Cty ½% sales increase. At the meeting Korth was told Maple Creek had not paid our annual dues. The clerk and treasurer both recall paying those dues-clerk will verify.

D. Garbage bins – Korth said he had to replace one cracked garbage bin recently. The town has only one back up remaining. Korth will contact Harter's to see if they have any more free extra bins the town can have or what the cost would be to buy spare bins.

E. Discuss Maple Creek permits – Korth stated the town has permits and fees for things but no one in the township seems to be getting the proper permits, especially building permits. If permits are not filed the town assessor can't revalue and the town cannot be sure that set back rules are being followed. Korth proposed possible fines for not filing the proper permits. The town currently does not have an ordinance for imposing a fine for persons who do not file the proper permits. The clerk will follow up by searching

for examples of existing fines, ordinances and enforcing/collecting fines in other townships and possibly contact town lawyers. The clerk noted the town had only one building permit come through in 2019.

F. July storm damage in Maple Creek- Several trees and branches came down during the recent storm. Board members, cemetery and grounds crew have been busy cleaning up. Permission was given to trim/cut hanging and downed branches for safety. The clerk noted several shingles came off the roof at the town hall. Young will inspect. In the future should the town have an area for debris?

G. City of New London correspondence regarding monetary contribution for storm clean up – Korth shared a letter he received from the city to contribute funds to help offset the cost of storm clean up. The letter stated residents of other townships, including Maple Creek, had brought tree debris into town and dropped it off at city sites. The town is unaware of any resident who did this. The board decided not to contribute any money at this time.

H. Roads update – Korth met with Chad Johnson from Outagamie Cty. Stilen Rd original estimate of 4 loads of blacktop actually requires more to smear patch due to deep wheel tracks. Affeldt and Sasse Rd require 1 load each to repair. A motion to spend approx. \$14,300 to repair Stilen Rd, Affeldt Rd and Sasse Rd was made by Bruette, Young seconded. MOTION CARRIED. The town will be billing Hintzke's \$415.65 for digging/damage to Spurr Rd that the county recently repaired. Nothing more has been received for billing of the manure pipe on Cty W from the county. At the June board meeting Volz Rd repair was mentioned, Korth did not talk with county regarding repair or estimate. Town will get the gravel from Murphy's. Motion made by Young, seconded by Bruette to hire Steve Janke apply 1 load of gravel on Volz Rd to fill potholes.

I. Foreclosures – Clerk received email from the county regarding Sims foreclosure asking if the town was aware if people were still residing at the property or their situation. Korth indicated he saw people at the home but no one is aware of any more details. The final date to redeem the property is set for August 26, 2019. Schmidt property paid delinquent taxes owed. Korth brought up trailer home on Schweitzer Rd stating until the property is cleaned up and cleared through the county it remains uninhabitable.

J. Veteran's Grave reimbursement – Treasurer Much informed the board that the town will receive \$6.25/grave (\$462.50 total) for veteran's grave for their upkeep. Last year it was \$6.82/grave.

K. Budget time reminder – The board needs to be thinking about setting upcoming budget meeting dates-usually in Oct/Nov and other pertinent budget information and items. The budget meeting dates will need to be set at the September board meeting. GTA will be going up slightly in 2020 and there may also be grants available to towns for roads. WTA and state will be sending out further info.

Report of officers: Clerk: Repair to zero turn mower of \$208.73, various county correspondence: changes in Out Cty Planning & Zoning employees, Out Cty Recycling and Solid Waste will increase rates in 2020, WI 2020-2024 WI Consolidated Plan meeting Aug 14, Solar Energy & Home Weather Presentation Sept 5, Bear Creek Fire Dept meeting Sept 5, 7pm Bear Creek Village Hall. Cemetery: Due to storm damage cleanup of trees, branches and headstones still needs to be done. A motion was made by Young to approve spending \$500 for Janke Services and cemetery crew to finish cleanup and repair to cemetery, Bruette seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Constable: 1 horse call. Building Inspectors: none. Raft: none. Planning Commission: 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- C.Thompson wondered if the town has any ordinances regarding fireworks because every year the noise disturbs the nearby animals. Currently the town does not have a public peace ordinance regarding fireworks/noise nuisance. Building permits are through Mike Miller, Town Planning Commission is involved when there is a land split.

Review and payment of vouchers

Vouchers for checks numbering 11098 to 10804 were submitted for review and payment. An additional payment was made by direct debit from checking for the August 2019 IRS withholding tax.

Adjournment/Calendar: Next Town Board Meeting is September 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM – Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to adjourn at 7:34 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Maple Creek Board held on the 12th day of August 2019, and were entered in this record book by:

_____ Clerk,

and were approved this 9th day of September 2019 by:

_____, Chairman Korth

_____, Supervisor Bruette

_____, Supervisor Young

