

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

The April 17, 2018 Maple Creek Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gitter at 6:31 p.m. and he also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Board members present were Paul Gitter, Dalton Korth, Mike Bruette, Larry Katerzynske, Tory Much and Steve Janke. There were also fourteen (14) others present (see attached list.)

No agenda was posted for this meeting; it was noticed in the town newsletter.

The Clerk read the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Annual Town meeting. No discussion or corrections. Gary Coroneos made a motion, seconded by Glen Janke, to approve the April 18, 2017 annual meeting minutes as read. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

The Clerk reviewed the Town's financial report for 2017. The total balance for all accounts on January 1, 2017 was \$386,282.67. The balance on hand for all accounts on December 31, 2017 was \$365,320.81. Revenues were flat at \$692,794.64 while expenditures were down over \$200,000 at \$713,756.50. He stated that there were no surprises this year. Our biggest area of expense is road works, and other than finishing Breiting and Schweitzer roads for \$99,000, we only spent \$20,000 on all other road maintenance, including plowing and mowing. Once again, the town is in "save up" mode for a couple years to do road repairs. Savings over last year occurred in elections expenses (2 vs 4 last year), no planning commission meetings, no legal fees and no firetruck payment.

Old Business:

Chairman Gitter described various items from the "year at a glance" summary the clerk prepared. Some of the main items were:

CD splits in to 6 \$25,000 units; the purchase of electronic voting machines half paid for by the county; instituted electronic building permits; election of 2 new supervisors; redid roof on small building in new cemetery; purchased traffic counter; finished Breiting and Schweitzer roads; constructed turnaround on east end of Hoffman road; renewed 3 year contract with Associated Appraisal; Renewed 5 year contract with City of New London for fire protection.

New Business:

Mike Miller is the new building inspector, including sheds as well as UDC.

Current road inspection was not too bad – Hintzke, Stilen, Hoffman and the east end of Hintz were the worst.

Lynette Gitter asked if the town was looking into TRIP funds for road works. Chairman stated we would apply when we are planning to do the work. Town will also talk to New London to see what their schedule is for roads we share with them.

Discussion turned to wages of elected officials for next term. Lynette Gitter came up with hour estimates for the various offices and applied them to a \$15 per hour wage. She used 500 annual hours for chairman, 250 for supervisors, 1,000 for clerk, 500 for treasurer, constable gets per diems but 50 hours. Using this scale, she proposed the clerk salary be raised to \$15,000 from and the chairman to \$7,500 per year. Coroneos suggested a percentage, but Lynette Gitter said that wouldn't consider the hour differences put in by the different roles.

Glen Janke made a motion to leave wages the same. There was no second.

D. Knapp made a motion, seconded by Gary Coroneos, to raise the annual salary for Town Clerk for a 2-year period to \$15,000 annually. VOICE VOTE, AYES, ONE NAY. CARRIED.

Gary Coroneos made a motion, seconded by Rusty Radmer, to raise the annual salary for Town Chairman for a 2-year period to \$7000 annually. VOICE VOTE, ALL AYE. CARRIED.

Lynette Gitter made a motion, seconded by Glen Janke, to leave all other elected official salaries as is. VOICE VOTE, ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Lynette Gitter made a motion, seconded by Glen Janke, to leave the hourly labor rate for the Board and other elected officials at \$12 per hour. VOICE VOTE, ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Donna Young brought up the condition of Young road. Chairman stated they were going to do something about it.

Steve Janke brought up the issue of ATVs on town roads. Clerk stated that would require signage the town would have to maintain them, since we don't have an ATV club. Chairman stated they couldn't use the county roads anyway. Deb Radmer was concerned that other riders from out of town would congregate here and cause an issue from overuse. Chairman stated in general, law enforcement won't bother someone on an ATV here. Board stated that farmers can do it anyway, and most people just take their chances. Mike Bruette suggested getting ideas from the owner of R Sports 4U. Dalton Korth stated he thought there would have to be a trail system, not just the roads for the trail system. Karen Stuhr was concerned about off-roading, like might occur on Schwandt road by the river. Duffy Strong stated you can run legally with a slow-moving vehicle sign and staying under 25 mph, so he wondered what the actual state statutes are. He said he would do some research on the law and report back to the board.

Carol Janke was concerned with garbage in the ditches.

Larry Katerzynske made a motion, seconded by Gary Coroneos, to set next year's annual meeting for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Carol Janke made a motion, seconded by Steve Janke, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at an Annual Meeting of the Electors held on the 17th day of April 2018, and were entered in this record book by:

_____ Clerk, and were approved this 16th day of April 2019,
by the Electors of Maple Creek.