

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017

The April 18, 2017 Maple Creek Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gitter at 6:30 p.m. and he also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Board members present were Paul Gitter, Larry Morrison, James Young, 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 19, 2016 Annual Town meeting. No discussion or corrections. Gary Coroneos made a motion, seconded by Lynette Gitter, to approve the April 19, 2016 annual meeting minutes as read. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

The Clerk reviewed the Town's financial report for the 2016 fiscal year. The total balance for all accounts on January 1, 2016 was \$651,896.34. The balance on hand for all accounts on December 31, 2016 was \$386,089.13. Revenues totaled \$665,830.69 while expenditures totaled \$931,637.90. He stated that there were no surprises this year, and that the large drop in our balances was because of the large road expenses. The reclaiming, chip-sealing and crack filling totaled \$255,302. The town "saved up" for a couple years in order to do these major repairs, as we are doing now. The other large expenses were the elections- we had 4 this past year costing us \$4,000. The town also paid its share of the Bear Creek firetruck, which was \$39,888.

Old Business:

Clerk explained that going forward we will maintain a "year-at-a-glance" sheet which will contain the town activities for a calendar year.

Chairman Gitter described the purchase and distribution of 240 recycling bins. The bins had to be picked up, assembled, stenciled and delivered. The town board, with help from Donna Young, did this work themselves.

He also said the town installed the new fire signs, also using our own labor, saving the town money.

Roads: Chairman Gitter stated that we did quite a bit of crack sealing and chip sealing. Not all roads that had crack repair were chip-sealed. We also reclaimed Breiting and Schweitzer roads, applying two inches of asphalt. The remaining one and a half inches of asphalt will be applied in June of this year- we had to split the project so we could afford it.

New Business:

Lynette Gitter raised the issue that the County Board is going to pay for half of new voting machines that the municipalities purchase. This will be a one-time offer of about \$5000, leaving

the town with about \$5000 balance. She stated that our voting machine is very old and will not be supported for much longer. Clerk Katerzynske agreed we ought to do this. Supervisor Morrison asked if they were easy to operate. Gitter replied that they were, and in addition the county would be doing their own programming of elections, saving the county money. Katerzynske added that the new machines will allow us to scan the paper ballots as well as touch screen, so at end of election we will have immediate totals, saving the town labor money also. Morrison asked if they were attached to internet. Katerzynske said no, they will connect with the county via phone modem since it's more secure. Gitter added that the speed of reporting the State now requires makes such new machines nearly essential.

Karen Stuhr raised the issue of trash in the ditches. She said she knows the haulers will tell us there is no way to cure it. John Heideman stated he followed a Graichen truck for miles and saw now dropped trash. He said when he confronts Harters they say it's not their problem. Cathy Volz related that her whole front lawn was full of plastic and asked if people can call Harters. Chairman Gitter said please do call them, they need to hear this. Heideman said he thinks we should look at another hauler when contract is up. Lynette Gitter said the problem is not just Harters, she has seen trash leave Graichen trucks also. Judy Knapp said she couldn't get into the steep ditches on Mentzel road, wondered if there was still a 4H group around that would do it. Dalton Korth stated the Lebanon 4H came and picked up county W, but that was all.

Chairman Gitter thanked outgoing supervisors Larry Morrison and Jim Young for their service on the board these past years. He welcomed new supervisors Dalton Korth and Mike Bruette.

Heideman stated that the cheapest way to save roads was to make sure the shoulders were re-graveled and leveled with the roads every spring. He said shoring up the edge of the road prevents cracking of the surface.

Lynette Gitter made a motion, seconded by Deb Radmer, to set next year's annual meeting for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Steve Janke made a motion, seconded by Gary Coroneos, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at an Annual Meeting of the Electors held on the 18th day of April 2017, and were entered in this record book by:

Clerk, and were approved this 17th day of April 2018,
by the Electors of Maple Creek.