

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Second Meeting May 21, 2020

The May 21, 2020 Maple Creek Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Korth at 6:30 p.m. and he also led the Pledge of Allegiance. The first annual meeting was called to order on April 21, 2020 according to the statutes, but was postponed for 30 days by those present due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Town Board members present were Dalton Korth, Mike Bruette and Jim Young along with Treasurer, Tory Much and Clerk, Lynette Gitter. There was also one other elector present for a total of six (6) electors including the board (see attached list). Those present believed that the Covid 19 pandemic was a factor in others not attending.

No agenda was posted for this meeting; however, it was noticed in the town newsletter and on several monthly agendas.

The clerk read the minutes from the April 16, 2019 Annual Town meeting. No discussion or corrections. Lynette Gitter made a motion, seconded by Mike Bruette, to approve the April 16, 2019 annual meeting minutes as read. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

The clerk reviewed the Town's financial report for 2019. The balance on hand for all accounts on December 31, 2019 was \$614,641.38. This is an increase from the end of 2018 of approximately \$79,895. Accounting for this is the fact that there was no road construction in 2019. The clerk reviewed the expenses and revenues. There were no significant changes purchases or changes from last year except the road construction. The financial report will stand as read, subject to an audit.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Korth commented that in 2019 smear patching was done on Stilen Road. He commented that he didn't think it was the best.
2. Lynette Gitter was appointed as clerk starting September 1, 2019 to fill out the term to April 2020 due to a resignation.

New Business:

1. Chairman Korth had a list of possible road projects for 2020. One plan will be to grind and relay Hintz Road for approximately \$103,000 and bring in gravel for approximately \$20,000. Outagamie County will do this work. We will also have enough in the budget to chip seal Hoffman and Pribbernow Roads and plan on the reconstruction of Hintzke Road in 2021.
2. The board decided to sign a resolution to participate in the ½% sales tax revenue program with Outagamie County.
3. The board is considering an assessment revaluation next year. We had the Board of Review two hours before this meeting. The assessor, Jake Baumbach, stated that our level of assessment is at 87%. It should be 90-100%. We've been out of compliance for three years now. Our last revaluation was done in 2009. We currently have \$20,000 set aside for this. However, with the pandemic this year, the question is, we still receive the same funds from the state for the shared

revenues and the transportation aids in 2021? The town's budget may be significantly tighter next year.

4) Every two years the electors set the salaries for the elected town officers to coincide with the following spring election. The next election for town officials is April 6, 2021. There are three ways that the elected officials are now paid...1. Salary, 2. Per Diem, and 3. To hire themselves on an hourly basis for duties not associated with the position. The Town Electors set these wages. The Town Electors DO NOT set any other wages for employees. They can make recommendations to the Town Board, but the Town Board is responsible for employee wages. The Town Board typically reviews all the wages before/at budget time in October. The current wages for the two year term are:

Chairperson	\$7,000
Two Supervisors, each	\$3,792
Clerk	\$15,000
Treasurer	\$7,692
Constable	\$396

Glenn Janke made a motion, seconded by Dalton Korth, to leave the salaries for the Chairman, two Supervisors, Treasurer, Clerk and Constable the same for the next term of April 20, 2021 to April 18, 2023. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Per Diem amounts have been and were approved for many years now to compensate officials for attendance at meetings and training. The current amounts are \$18-meeting, \$40-half day meeting, \$80-full day. Mike Bruette made a motion, seconded by Glenn Janke, to leave the per diems for the Chairman, two Supervisors, Treasurer, Clerk and Constable the same for the next term of April 20, 2021 to April 18, 2023. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Many times there are jobs/work to be done within the town. Section 60.37(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows the town board to hire an elected officer (themselves) on a temporary or part-time basis. The Electors at a town meeting set this hourly wage. Currently, that hourly wage is \$12 per hour. Glenn Janke made a motion, seconded by Lynette Gitter, to leave the hourly wage of \$12 the same for the town board to hire another town officer for the next term of April 20, 2021 to April 18, 2023. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

5) Elector's Comments:

- Glenn Janke commented about a household in the area that is not using their garbage bins and are allowing junk to blow all over the countryside. Chairman Korth checked on it a few weeks ago. He will contact the County also.
- Lynette Gitter would like the Town Board to review the building permit process with the new building inspector.
- Tory Much commented on some unusual traffic in the area on County Road W.

Next year's annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This is set by statute. A motion is required if the date would be different.

Mike Bruette made a motion, seconded by Glenn Janke, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at an Annual Meeting of the Electors held on the 21st day of May 2020, and were entered in this record book by Lynette Gitter, appointed clerk and were approved this 20th day of April 2021 by the Maple Creek Electors.

Lynette Gitter, Clerk