

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
February 11, 2019
Town Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Gitter

Chairman Gitter called the February 11th, 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, February 8th, 2019. *Elected Officers present:* Paul Gitter, Mike Bruette, Dalton Korth, Larry Katerzynske, Tory Much. *Absent:* Steve Janke. *Others present:* Glen Janke, Deb Radmer, Lori O'Connell, Jim Young, Officer Brooks.

Approval of December 10th, 2018 Town Board meeting minutes *Korth made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the December 10th, 2018 Town Board minutes. MOTION CARRIED.*

Treasurer's Monthly Report

The balances for all accounts as of January 31st, 2019, (reported on February 11th, 2019) are as follows: Checking - \$2,159.58; Investment Savings - \$415,966.33; and Town CD's - \$125,000.00. Total town funds now are \$543,125.91. Treasurer has made her final tax settlement to the county.

Outagamie County Sheriff's officer report (if in attendance) Officer Brooks explained that they had received reports of juveniles mud-running in the fields off Hintzke road, but had no leads.

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. Glen Janke asked the Chairman if he had consulted with the other Board members before he asked the New London fire department about covering the entire township. Gitter responded he hadn't, and it was just a question he asked which he has a right to do.

Specific matters for discussion and possible action:

A. Pass through animal costs to violators – Last month constable Janke stated the Town used to bill violators for their dog calls but don't anymore. Clerk quoted the ordinances we have in place that do indeed state we should be passing through these charges and violation fines to the animal's owner.

B. Set dates for Open Book and Bd. of Review - *Gitter made a motion, seconded by Korth, to schedule Open Book on April 11 from 4-6 PM and Board of Review on May 7 from 4-6 PM. MOTION CARRIED.*

C. Grave fees – Treasurer Much informed the Board that Tony's Cemetery Service has raised prices on their grave services, and we would need to reflect that in our own charges. She also reminded the Board that Tim Krueger is no longer going to be digging graves for the town.

D. Korth land split parcel# 160041500, W10254 County Road W - *Gitter made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the CSM for the land split submitted by Dalton Korth as described above. MOTION CARRIED. (Korth abstained.)*

E. Renew bank CDs – Much explained our CDs were expiring this month and she quoted some current interest rates/terms. The Board wondered if they would need the money for road work this summer but decided they would hold off major works for next year. *Korth made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to deposit the \$125,000 in expiring CDs in new 15-month CDs at 2.86% annual rate. MOTION CARRIED.*

F. Computer quote for treasurer – Treasurer Much presented her findings after speaking to a local computer retailer. The amounts were well within the amount budgeted for this, but she was still pursuing other pricing. Clerk suggested purchasing as local as possible in case service was needed.

G. Stop ahead signs vandalized in township – Chairman Gitter informed the Board that at least 3 “Stop Ahead” signs were missing and appeared to be sawed off. The locations were Hoffman, Buboltz and Schweitzer roads, and happened in the middle of January sometime. He informed Officer Brooks of this, and also the County road crews in order to get them repaired.

H. Schubert on Spurr Road- not getting plowed – letter from him – Clerk explained that Mr. Schubert has called him after each of the last snowstorms to make sure he was plowed by the county and has also laid his concerns out in a letter. Mr. Schubert is subscribed to the town’s driveway plowing program. Chairman Gitter explained that most towns don’t offer this service anymore and wondered if we should or not. Clerk provided the agreement the resident signed, noting that it contains a paragraph stating the it is completely up to the plow driver if they can get to the driveway, and there is no recourse for the resident if the driveway is not plowed. Gitter stated to have the resident call the chairman if they have concerns.

I. Tracy Anderson wants to purchase some items in basement of town hall – Due to the complexity of selling public property to a private party, Board did not think this was a good idea. Gitter made a motion, seconded by Korth, to not approve the selling of any town property at the present time to any parties. Gitter made a motion, seconded by Korth, to not sell any town property at this time. MOTION CARRIED.

J. Town Advocacy Council from WTA – additional \$150 fee – Clerk explained that WTA was offering this voluntary membership in addition to their regular membership fees, but he had difficulty in seeing what the benefits would be to us that we don’t have already. Board agreed to not participate.

Report of officers: Clerk: Primary election next week, Lynette Gitter will be acting clerk. Clerk presented design of ATV road signs that are on order. Cemetery: none. Constable: none. Building Inspectors: none. Raft: none. Planning Commission: met last week to approve Korth CSM.

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- Clerk brought up the idea of getting rid of the posting boards except for town hall. State law now allows posting on town website instead of boards.

Review and payment of vouchers

Vouchers for checks numbering 10941 to 10963 were submitted for review and payment. An additional payment was made by direct debit from checking for the February 2019 IRS-941 payment.

Adjournment/Calendar: Next Town Board Meeting is March 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM – Korth made a motion, seconded by Gitter, to adjourn at 7:27 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Maple Creek Board held on the 11th day of February 2019, and were entered in this record book by:

_____ Clerk,

and were approved this 11th day of February 2019 by:

_____, Chairman Gitter

_____, Supervisor Bruette

_____, Supervisor Korth