

TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
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2021 SPRING NEWSLETTER

SPRING ELECTION—TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

On the ballot:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction----Vote for one---- Jill Underly; Deborah Kerr

Court of Appeals Judge District 3----Vote for one----Rick Cveykus; Gregory B. Gill, Jr.

Circuit Court Judge Branch 6----Vote for one----Vincent R. Biskupic

New London SD School Board----Vote for not more than three----Connie Neely; Ben Wickersheim;

Terry Wegner; Erich A Korth; Mark W. Grossman; Katie Batten

Shiocton SD School Board--Vote for not more than two--Michael J. Bellin; Stacey A. Warning

Town of Maple Creek Municipal Offices: Every two years town residents have the opportunity to elect and vote their local offices. The following are the offices and residents running for those offices. Those running in the contested positions were asked to provide a little write-up about themselves and why they are running. Here are the responses.

Town Chairperson (vote for one)Susan Griffin, Dalton Korth

- I have fond memories growing up on the farm in Maple Creek and moving back 8yrs ago I love it even more. The 4H club that was in our community I was involved with at a young age, watching my siblings show cattle and making other projects to compete with. I then joined and belonged to the Busy Badgers till I graduated from New London high school. As an adult I volunteered for several years as the Horse and Pony project leader and helped with anything that I could. As I seek election for chairperson I will face any challenges head on and listen to the voice of the community to make sure I do what is best for all involved. I want to see that our township stays as a quaint and quiet community but also knowing that there will always be progress to improve what we have and to make sure that it can benefit all that live here. Please consider me for this position. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you, Susan Griffin.
- Hello, I am Dalton Korth. I am running for the Town Chairman. I currently hold this position. I have been on the Board for 10 years as Supervisor and 2 years as Chairman. I farm next to the Town Hall. I would like to keep a balanced budget and continue upgrading the roads. We just got done with Hintz Road for \$12,000 under budget and are looking at Hintzke Road for 2022.

Town Supervisor (vote for not more than two)John K. Knapp, James J. Young, Mike Bruette

- Hi my name is John Knapp. I am running for Town Supervisor. I was born and raised in this Township, I am raising my family here and would like to serve you. I believe in listening to the Town's people and following the ordinances that our forefathers have set in place. They believed in keeping this a quiet Township; family and farm oriented. I look forward to serving the people in the best interest of the Town. Thank you for your support.
- I'm Jim Young running for Town Supervisor, a position I currently hold. I'm retired Coast Guard, member of the American Legion, VFW and DAV, and American Legion "King" Representative, rather slow right now, there. When I was elected, I tried to represent the majority of the voters, that is with no personal gain. I will maintain that approach while in office. My biggest concern is our roads. In 1989 all our roads were given a sand lift and black top. Now the time has come that the ratings on these roads are 2-3. They need grinding and a lift to handle the liquid manure loads. To keep our town funds available, we can only do 1 mile about every other year or 3 years. We have to maintain our roads, too, if there was a bad year. Filling cracks and pea gravel after will increase the life of the roads. I would suggest coming to your town meetings and see the local government in action.
- I am Mike Bruette. I have lived in Maple Creek for the last 50 years. I was on the Town Planning Commission from 2008 until 2017 when I was elected to the Town Board. I am the owner of Sugar Creek Farm which is near Sugar Bush. There has been a lot of change in the Township in the last 50 years and I am sure there is more to come. If we don't change with the times, we will be left in the dust. Farming has always been and still is the most important industry in the Town. We have to be smart with how we use our land. We cannot waste even an acre. There is not anymore of it being made. I think the farmers in the Township need a voice on the Town Board. I would appreciate your vote.

Town Clerk (vote for one)Nicki Close, write in (Lynette Gitter has filed as a Registered Write-In)

- (Nicki Close has indicated that she no longer wishes to be considered for this position)
- I would appreciate your vote as a write-in candidate for Clerk. My husband and I have lived in Maple Creek for 42 years. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and have also been certified by the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association (WMCA). I first ran for the clerk's position in 1993 when our youngest son was seven. Then, after nineteen

years as clerk, I decided not to run again and was hired on full time at the County Clerk’s office as an Assistant to the Deputy Clerk/Clerk and worked there until retirement in June 2018. In September of 2019, I was approached and then appointed to fill the Clerk’s position, once again, until the term end of April 2021. I have extensive experience with posting/minute preparation, Election Administration, bookkeeping and budget preparation. I love living here in Maple Creek and am happy to serve my community in any capacity. If elected again, my goals will be to finish the 10 year Comprehensive Plan process, research direct deposit for payroll and train another individual who will be willing to carry the baton into the future in this position. Thank you. Lynette Gitter

- *Town Treasurer (vote for one).....Tory Much*
- *Town Constable (vote for one).....write-in (no one is running for this position)*

Voting Absentee: If you are a US Citizen, 18 years of age or older on Election Day and have resided in Maple Creek for at least 28 days, you can request to vote absentee. You will need to be registered in advance and provide proof of identification. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, in person, e-mail or through MyVote.wi.gov. The deadline to make application by mail is 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021. You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in person in the clerk’s office starting March 23rd by appointment during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with the last day being April 2, 2021. Contact the clerk with any questions.

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

We had 34 total voters.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Shiocton School District Referendum
Jill Underly-----5	Yes-----0
Deborah Kerr-----20	No-----0
Steve Krull-----2	
Shandowlyon Shawn Hendricks-Williams-----0	
Troy Gunderson-----2	
Joe Fenrick-----5	
Sheila Briggs-----0	

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS—TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 6:30 P.M.

What is the annual meeting?

The town meeting provides the means for town electors to exercise their statutory authority over governance of the town. This is unique to towns. The annual town meeting may transact business over which it has statutory authority (see Wis. Stats. 60.11(6)). Because there is no requirement that the subject matter of an annual town meeting be noticed, any elector may bring up an issue and make a motion, which must be seconded, for which the town meeting has statutory authority.

Who can vote at a town electors meeting?

An elector does not have to be registered to vote to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. While an elector must be a town resident, he or she is not required to own property in the town. In other words, renters may vote. Non-residents that own property in the town are not permitted to vote. However, the chair may allow non-residents to speak during the meeting and proxy voting and absentee voting are not allowed at town elector meetings. The clerk of the meeting may keep a poll list showing the name and address of every elector voting at the meeting. This list is optional, but may be useful if there are others at the meeting.

What are the powers of the town meeting?

There are three types: (1) Direct powers to include: raise money, town officers and offices, election of town officers, cemeteries, joint administrator, hourly wage of certain employees (2) Directives or Grants of Authority to Town Board to include: raise money, size of town board, exercise of Village Powers, General obligation bonds, purchase of land, town buildings, disposal of property, exercise of certain zoning authority, watershed protection and soil/water conservation, appointed assessor, compensation of elective town offices, hourly wage of certain employees (3) Authorization to Town Board to appropriate money to include: conservation of natural resources, civic functions, control of weeds, insects and animal diseases, rural numbering systems and cemetery improvements.

So you can see, this is the only meeting during the year where the town electors have a lot of power when it comes to town business. There may be an occasional Special Meeting of the Electors during the year, but those

have special agendas. The annual meeting has no set agenda. This meeting was postponed last year one month due to the pandemic and then, we only had 5 people there. Please plan to attend.

OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book, April 28th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Special time set aside in addition to the below info.

This is when the assessment roll is available for review and discussion with the assessor.

At this time, we request that you conduct an Open Book session by phone or email with the assessor, rather than attending the Open Book in person. Please call the assessor during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM). You may call anytime after receiving the enclosed notice (this is an excerpt from this notice), but no later than 3 days prior to the Board of Review to conduct your Open Book meeting. If the assessor is not available at the time of your call, we will make every effort to return your call within 24 hours. When leaving a message please provide your name, phone number, the Municipality in which the property is located, and the Tax Key Number from your assessment notice or tax bill. You may contact the assessor by phone at 920-749-1995, by email at info.apraz@gmail.com or by mail at: Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc., PO Box 440, Greenville, WI 54942

Board of Review, May 18th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

The Board of Review is a local, quasi-judicial body that has duties relating to the valuation of real and personal property for purposes of taxation. The board will hear and determine objections to property assessments, among other duties. After speaking with the assessor, if you still believe your tax assessment for your property is incorrect, you can appear before the board and make your case. You would get the objection form and file it with the clerk. Appointments are required. Please note; the assessor’s valuation of your property is considered accurate unless you can PROVE otherwise.

CEMETERY

Then next cemetery commission meeting is Monday, March 29th starting at 6:30 p.m. Among the items to be discussed is hiring mowers for the summer season. Applications will be available the night of the meeting or prior to the meeting by contacting the clerk. Reminder....Winter decorations must be taken down by April 15th. Spring decorations can be put up after that date.

RAFT PERMITS

It’s that time of year when the rafts will go out. Maple Creek has a raft permitting ordinance which states; Any person mooring, placing, or maintaining a fishing raft on the Wolf River and its tributaries, within the Town of Maple Creek shall register each fishing raft annually with the municipality in which the fishing raft will be most frequently moored. All registrations shall expire on December 31st of each year. Any person who acquires an interest in an existing raft shall submit an application within 15 days to transfer the registration number. Please contact the clerk for your raft permit, and Joe Close, for inspection at 920-572-2943.

BURNING PERMITS

Please contact Dalton Korth for local burning permits before lighting that pile.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **ATV/UTV:** The County has approved an ordinance regulating ATV/UTV use on County highways. Should the Town apply for permits to designate certain County highways for ATV/UTV usage?
- **Fire Engine:** From the Village of Bear Creek—It was discussed at the last meeting with the townships and the fire department, that the townships would like to know rough estimates on what a new engine would cost each township. The Fire Department is looking to replace Engine 1 within the next 3 to 5 years. The breakdown below shows the projected cost to each municipality based on percentages used in the Fire Contracts with The Village of Bear Creek and the Townships. These are very rough estimates as we have no definite figures for what an engine will cost at that time.

\$500,000 Engine----	Town of Maple Creek	19%	\$95,000
\$750,000 Engine----	Town of Maple Creek	19%	\$142,500

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment—Many of the items in the current town comprehensive plan are still relevant, including goals, objectives, policies and programs. The primary goals for this addendum are to: Ensure compliance with the State of Wisconsin’s 10 year Comprehensive Plan Update requirement; provide basic, up-to-date socioeconomic information; and, incorporate the Town’s new Future Land Use Map & categories, creating a more flexible future land use framework that seamlessly aligns with what is contained in the County’s Comprehensive Plan.

MEETING MOTION HIGHLIGHTS:

Town Board:

December 14, 2020

- Young made a motion, seconded by Korth, to approve the November 9, 2020 Town Board and the November 16, 2020 Budget Hearing, Special Town and Special Town Board minutes. Ayes:2 (Young/Korth); Abstain:1 (Bruette). MOTION CARRIED.
- Korth made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to change paragraph 4 in the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance to reflect 150 feet of public road frontage and 2 acres to the center of the road. 2 Ayes (Korth/Bruette); 1 Nay (Young). MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Korth to approve and sign the CSM (part of Tax Parcel No. 160022100) for Martin/Ethel Young. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Korth made a motion, seconded by Bruette to leave the decision to rent the Town Hall for public meetings for the SD of Shiocton up to the Town Clerk. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Korth made a motion, seconded by Young to sign the Ambulance Service Agreement with Gold Cross Ambulance for one calendar year starting January 1, 2021 for \$9,336. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Bruette made a motion, seconded by Young to remain members of the Town Advocacy Council and pay the yearly dues of \$152.25. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Bruette made a motion, seconded by Young to reimburse Tom Matz \$60 for his time and use of trailer for the transportation of a dog to the Humane Society. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

January 11, 2021

- Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the December 14, 2020 Town Board meeting minutes. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Korth, to approve renewing the town website for another year at \$161.87. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Bruette made a motion, seconded by Korth, to approve Ordinance #2021-1 changing the Minimum Lot Size to 150 foot of public road frontage and the minimum acreage to 1 ¾ acres. Two (2) Ayes (Korth, Bruette), One (1) Nay (Young), MOTION CARRIED.
- Korth made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve the land division by CSM for Mike Siewert as submitted. Two (2) Ayes (Korth, Young), One (1) Abstain (Bruette), MOTION CARRIED.
- Korth made a motion, seconded by Young, to approve rezone of approximately .5 acres from Exclusive Ag to General Ag for Mike Siewert as submitted. Two (2) Ayes (Korth, Young), One (1) Abstain (Bruette), MOTION CARRIED.

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

- Young made a motion, seconded by Bruette, to approve the Contract for Building Inspection Services with the addition of the following, “Town Board approved Certified Survey Maps will be sent by the Clerk, when approved, to “Miller” so the Minimum Lot Size ordinance restrictions may be properly enforced.” All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Young made a motion, seconded by Korth, to set the Open Book for April 28th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and to set the Board of Review for May 18th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Plan Commission:

December 8, 2020

- Motion made by Siewert, seconded by Coroneos to approve the August 31, 2020 minutes. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- Motion made by Coroneos, seconded by Close to approve the CSM/land division of parcel 160022100 for Martin/Ethel Young and to recommend Town Board approval. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

January 7, 2021

- Coroneos made a motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes with one correction, changing the acreage for Mike Siewert to .5. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Motion made by Coroneos, seconded by Siewert, to go on record saying that the Plan Commission is responsive to the Hintzke family’s rezoning 2 proposed future parcels from Exclusive Ag to General Ag. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
- Motion made by Young, seconded by Coroneos, to approve the Certified Survey Map for Mike Siewert as presented. Three (3) AYES, One (1) ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED.
- Motion made by Coroneos, seconded by Thompson, to approve the rezone request of .4753 acres from Exclusive Ag to General Ag for Mike Siewert as presented. Three (3) AYES, One (1) ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Received a letter from WisDOT regarding developing plans for proposed improvements on WIS 76 from the WIS 54 to US 45 in the Towns of Bovina, Liberty, Maple Creek and Deer Creek and within the Villages of Bear Creek and Shiocton in Outagamie and Waupaca Counties. Improvements will include a mill and overlay of the existing pavement, two bridge replacements, minor intersection improvements, curb ramp repairs and beam guard replacements as well as other miscellaneous repairs. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2024, with the possibility of advancement to 2023 if funding becomes available. Here’s the project website:
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/76shiocton/default.aspx>
- Received a letter from Recycling & Solid Waste and newsletter-For electronics recycling, sharps/needle disposal, compost bins, furniture, mattresses/box springs, etc. please contact the recycling center at 832-5277 or Marissa.Michalkiewicz@outagamie.org or 920-968-5721.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS (Town Hall):

- March 23 ---First day to issue absentee ballots in clerk’s office
 - March 29 ---Cemetery meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - April 1 -----Plan Commission meeting 6:00 p.m.
 - April 6 -----Spring Election 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - April 12 -----Town Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - April 20 -----Annual meeting of the Electors 6:30 p.m.
 - April 28 -----Open Book Virtual meeting only 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; contact the assessor
 - May 10 -----Town Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - May 18 -----Board of Review 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - June 14 -----Town Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
- (May and June Plan Commission meetings as necessary. Watch for postings)

REFUSE AND RECYCLING:

Here’s the schedule:

Dates:	Garbage (Harter’s): 1-888-804-8556	Large Item Pickup Days	Recycling (Orion): 1-920-759-0501
March	19, 26	16-17, 30-31	19
April	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6-7, 20-21	2, 16, 30
May	7, 14, 21, 28	4-5, 18-19	14, 28
June	5 , 11, 18, 25	1-2, 15-16, 29-30	11, 25

If for some reason you are missed during the garbage pickup, please call Harter’s or Orion right away so they can get back to you while their trucks are still in the area. Harter’s also offers large item pickup days for a fee. (Second set of numbers) It’s every other week. They start on Tuesdays and end on Wednesdays. You would need to call them by noon the previous Monday. They charge \$35 for furniture, \$35 for appliances and \$60 for TV’s/electronics/freon appliances.

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