

**TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK**  
**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19, 2022**

The April 19, 2022 Maple Creek Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griffin at 6:30 p.m. and she led the Pledge of Allegiance. No agenda was posted for this meeting due to its being held on the third Tuesday in April as set by Wisconsin Statutes 60.11. It was noticed in the spring newsletter and on several monthly agendas.

Town Board members present were Susan Griffin, Jim Young and John Knapp. Also present were Treasurer, Tory Much, and Clerk, Lynette Gitter. There were also 13 other voting members present. See the attached sign in sheet.

The clerk read the minutes from the April 20, 2021 Annual Town meeting minutes. No discussion or corrections. Gary Coroneos made a motion, seconded by Glenn Janke, to approve the April 20, 2021 annual town meeting minutes as read. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The clerk reviewed the Town's financial report for 2021. The balance on hand for all accounts on December 31, 2021 was \$705,256.40. This is an increase of \$110,106.50 from the end of 2020. The increase is due to the fact that there was no road construction this last year to save extra funds for this year. The clerk reviewed the expenses and revenues. The only significant changes from last year besides the road construction, is the \$18,782.45 received from the County ½% tax participation, and the \$32,237.91 received from the American Rescue Plan Act. The financial report will stand as read, subject to an audit.

**Old Business:**

1. Supervisor Knapp gave an update on the road maintenance from 2021. Two culverts were replaced on Affeldt Road. Smear patching and shouldering were completed along with the normal pot hole patching.

**New Business:**

1. **Road Construction:** Supervisor Young reported that the road construction priority this year are portions of Buboltz Road and we're looking into costs right now. A culvert may be replaced on Hintzke Road in conjunction with the City of New London. Crackfilling Service will be giving us a quote when they are in the area for crack filling on various roads. In May, Chad Johnson from the County Highway Department will go out on a road inspection with the Chairperson/Town Board

2. **Wages:** The Clerk stated that this is the year to set the wages for the elected Town positions of: Chairperson, Supervisors, Treasurer, Clerk and Constable. The clerk had copied the wage sheet for those in attendance to review. The current salaries are as follows:

Position	Monthly	Annual
Chairperson	\$ 583.33	\$ 7,000
Supervisors	\$ 316	\$ 3,792
Clerk	\$ 1,250	\$15,000
Treasurer	\$ 641	\$ 7,692
Constable*	\$ 33	\$ 396 *(\$30 per animal call)

In addition to the yearly salaries, the elected officers receive:

- Per diems for meetings to include \$18 per regular meeting, \$40 per ½ day event, and \$80 per a full day event.
- General Labor: \$12 per hour

The clerk requested motions on all three of these payment options. There was much discussion about what/how the Constable should be paid. It was suggested that he not receive a yearly salary and increase the amount received per animal call. Others suggested that the yearly salary remain and also increase the animal call amount. Paul Gitter made a motion, seconded by Steve Janke, to approve raising the animal call per diem for the Constable to \$50 per call. (18) AYES, (0) NAYES. MOTION CARRIED. Gary Coroneos made a motion, seconded by Steve Janke, to approve raising the animal day care (when held by the Constable) to \$20 a day up to 3 days. (17) AYES, (1) NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.

- Steve Janke made a motion, seconded by Gary Coroneos, to approve a 10% increase in all elected positions for the 2023-2025 term. (18) AYES, (0) NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- Deb Radmer made a motion, seconded by Tom Stracy, to leave the meeting per diems the same for elected positions for the 2023-2025 term at \$18 per meeting, \$40 per ½ day meeting, and \$80 per full day meeting. (18) AYES, (0) NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- Paul Gitter made a motion, seconded by Judie Knapp, to approve raising the labor rate for elected officials when hiring themselves to \$16 per hour for the 2023-2025 term. (17) AYES, (0) NAYES. (1) ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. ARPA Funds:** The clerk commented that she and the deputy clerk filed the first ARPA report. It was easier this time because none of the money has been dedicated and/or spent. For future reports, details about contractors, amounts, dates, etc. will be necessary. The clerk suggested that the full amount be spent on one item to help with the reporting. There were many comments on how the ARPA funds should be spent. Rusty Radmer suggested that we use the money to pay for the Town Revaluation, only, to help with the report next year. The funds we have in reserve could then be moved to another reserve, like roads. The clerk stated that any motion on this would be advisory only.

**4. Town Revaluation:** A contract was signed with Associated Appraisal to complete a full revaluation, interior and exterior, starting at the end of this year and to be completed in 2023.

**5. Solar Farm:** There was much discussion about a possible solar farm being constructed in Maple Creek. It sounds like the utility company, Avangrid Renewables, has the land needed to construct a farm that would produce 200 Mega Watts. Anything over 100 MW is regulated by the State and County zoning or Town ordinances can't control it. They do have to address how to get the power to the ATC lines, and other logistic issues. The Town Board is in the process of setting up a meeting with the company to give the public the opportunity to ask questions. May 24<sup>th</sup> is preferred, but the clerk hasn't heard back from the company. If and when the public meeting is set up, postcards may be sent to the residents informing of the meeting.

**6. Fire Truck:** The Village of Bear Creek is putting together information to purchase a new tanker truck. There will be more information coming this next year.

### **Elector Open Forum:**

Nothing

Tom Matz made a motion, seconded by Gary Coroneos, to set next year's annual meeting date as Tuesday, April 18, 2023. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Chairperson Griffin asked for any other comments. It was reported that the Stilen Road sign and post are missing. Chairperson Griffin will take care of this.

Chairperson Griffin called for a motion to adjourn. Paul Gitter made a motion, seconded by Steve Janke, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at an Annual Meeting of the Electors held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, and were entered in this record book by Lynette Gitter, appointed clerk and were approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 by the Maple Creek Electors.

\_\_\_\_Lynette Gitter, Clerk