

Town of Maple Creek
Annual Town Meeting Minutes

4/15/2025

The April 15, 2025 Maple Creek Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griffin at 6:30pm and she led the Pledge of Allegiance. No agenda was posted for this meeting due to its being held on third Tuesday in April as set by Wisconsin Statutes 60.11. It was noticed on several monthly agendas.

Town Board members present were: Susan Griffin, Adam Janke and Tom Stracy (via phone). Also present, Treasurer, Tory Much and outgoing Clerk, Amiee Stracy. There were also 14 other voting members present. (See attached elector sign in sheet).

The minutes from the April 16, 2024 Annual Town meeting were reviewed by those present. There was no discussion or corrections. Glen Janke made a motion, seconded by Ashley Janke to approve the April 16, 2024 annual town meeting minutes. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The clerk reviewed the Town's financial report for 2024. The balance on hand for all accounts on December 31, 2024 was \$636,604.20. This is an increase from the end of 2023 of \$43,886.01. A major expense in 2024 was the construction on Buboltz Road. We had budgeted \$250,000.00 and it came in under budget at \$237,135.62. The financial report will stand as read, subject to audit.

Old Business:

1. Chairperson Griffin and Supervisor Janke gave an update on the new fire truck purchase for the Bear Creek Fire Department. The truck is working well for the department. An inquiry was made on the cost of the truck and how it went from around \$200,000 for the town to closer to \$150,000. The truck cost was divided among the village and townships based on populations served. Another inquiry was made asking if there are any ongoing discussions on the formation of a fire district. Chairperson Griffin advised that there are no ongoing discussions as under the new contract, any expenses over \$25,000 will require village and towns' approval going forward and the new contract incorporates some elements of a fire district.

New Business:

1. Hiring for vacant town officer positions outside of the town. Some discussion was had regarding elected versus appointed clerks and the advantages and disadvantages of each. An appointed clerk would be hired and salary set by the board, an ordinance would be needed to make the position appointive, but the change would not take effect until the town electors have approved it by referendum at the next spring or general election, provided the call for referendum is at least 70 days before the election. Elected clerks must be electors of the town, appointed clerks, treasurers, or clerk-treasurers do not need to be electors of the town.
2. This summer's road work will be maintenance only and may include crack filling, chip sealing, pothole filling and other maintenance tasks. There will be no road construction on town roads.

3. Solar farm updates – although the town has not received any contact in over a year, residents have reported continuing to receive letters. The latest letters indicate that the company has not yet secured all the necessary easements to get to the power station. A request was received recently for a 30-acre solar project for Glass Hill Farm, LLC and a pre-application meeting will take place next week with Town Board members, Outagamie county Development and Land Services, and the property owner and solar company.
4. School District of New London – John Heideman provided an update letting the electors know that the district continues to have one of the lowest mill rates due to fiscally responsible board practices. However, like all other areas, we are starting to see an increase in costs as family sizes decrease, which leads to decreases in enrollments and less funding. John is optimistic that the board will continue to keep costs low for taxpayers while meeting the needs of our students.

Other comments/suggestions:

Nothing

Adjournment:

Lynette Gitter made a motion, seconded by Jim Young, to set next year's annual meeting date as Tuesday, April 21, 2026, starting at 6:00 pm VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Chairperson Griffin called for a motion to adjourn. Susan Griffin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Matz to adjourn at 7:01 pm. VOICE VOTE. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

These minutes were taken at an Annual Meeting of the Electors held on the 15th day of April 2025, and were entered in this record book by Amiee Stracy, Clerk and were approved this 21st day of April 2026 by the Maple Creek Electors.

Lynette Gitter, Clerk