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Annual Meeting April 15, 2025

Annual Meeting held April 15, 2025 at the Maribel Sportsmen's Club at 7:00 p.m. Called to order by Chairperson David Blakeslee at 7:00. Twenty-five attendees were present. Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman David Blakeslee introduced the board gave a recap on the meetings itinerary.

Minutes from the 2024 Annual meeting of April 16th were read. On a motion by Kelly Kane and seconded by Sup. Shibler, moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on an affirmative voice vote in favor, zero no votes cast.

On a motion by Sup. Shibler and seconded Joe Havlovitz, moved to approve the borrowing of money for emergency purposes. Motion carried on an affirmative voice vote in favor, zero no votes cast. Motion carried.

No action on wage increases.

Site location and time of 2026 Annual Meeting will remain the same for April 21, 2026. Maribel Sportsman Club at 7:00.

2024 Annual Report: Chairman Blakeslee walked through the Annual Report page by page and asked for questions: Rick Kornely asked about the FEMA loss. Treasurer Duescher reported funds came at the end of 2023 instead of 2024. Rick Kornely asked about the \$20611 lost funds in Intergovernmental charges. The Town of Cooperstown lost the contract with the Town of New Denmark due to several factors. Clerk Kornely thanked the board for coming in \$49000 under budget on expenses for 2024. Joe Havlovitz asked why we came in under budget on elections. Clerk Kornely reported planning for elections you never know if you will have a primary. Rick Kornely asked about Ben Jensen Excavating could the town have done the work – Sup. Shibler reported two culverts with ARPA money. Rick Kornely also asked about Tower Excavating – Sup. Shibler reported the town mower broke down and they finished the mower. Rick Kornely asked about Tisler Trucking – Sup. Shibler reported culvert with ARPA money. Chairman Blakeslee reported two transfer site employees are also street maintenance. Rick Kornely asked about wages for the election workers. Rick Kornely asked for \$15 per hour, Ryan Collins seconded the request, 25 residents were in favor. Discussion on year end balances, \$60,000 from the fund balance was added to the budget along with \$50,000 to highway maintenance from the levy limit resolution. Treasurer Duescher gave a recap of the outstanding loans terming in July and August of 2026. Ryan Collins asked about the bridge approach on Hidden Valley Rd over I-43. Chainman Blakeslee reported on the eight road projects for 2025: Cooperstown Rd, Zander Rd, Parizek Dr, Luebke Rd, Kvitek Rd(2) and Pautz Rd(2). LRIP State Grant \$30,000 has been assigned to Hidden Valley (Rosecrans Rd to Chvala Rd) in the future. Ryan Collins asked about the ARIP funds. Chairman Blakeslee gave a list of Class B road and No Truck roads. The town does post seasonal Class B roads. Ryan Collins gave a recap for the Maribel Fire Department and asked why the Menchalville Fire Department has not turned in a Financial Report. The Transfer Site is back open on Wednesdays.

Clerk Kornely and Treasurer Duescher thanked Dave Blakeslee and Hank Kouba for serving as town chairman and town supervisor for their terms. Treasurer Duescher thanked County Supervisor James Falkowski for the \$100 donation for the Annual Meeting. Rick Kornely asked the new board to consider the cost of outsourcing the town road work: aging equipment, retiring employees, etc. Joe Havlovitz thanked those that voted for him and thanked Fred Lemens for running and giving residents choices. Please send your questions to the town. Ryan Collins asked about the falling down building in Cooperstown on Zander Rd and Hwy R and has it been condemned.

On a motion by Hank Kouba and seconded by Kelly Kane , called for adjournment. Motion carried on an affirmative voice vote, zero no voted cast.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes prior to approval

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kornely, Clerk

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