

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Annual Meeting of the Electors
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Immediately Following the 6:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

Kautza called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call – Town Supervisor, Pete Marien, and Town Supervisor, Scott McRae

Town Clerk Valerie Parker noted the following Electors were present:

Tony Kautza, 184726 Village Road
Peter Marien, 184949 County Road Z
Scott McRae, 183527 Old Lake Road
Valerie Parker, 230801 County Road Y
Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z
Connie Sippl, 236281 North Pole Road
Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road
Roy Kuschel, 184879 County Road Z
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

3. Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting

a. April 20, 2021, Annual Meeting

Parker read the minutes from the April 20, 2021, Annual Meeting of Electors.

Motion by Micke, second by Boettcher, to approve the minutes.

4. Set Date for 2023 Annual Meeting

a. April 18, 2023 (3rd Tuesday in April)

Motion by Micke, second by Larson, to set the next Annual meeting date for April 18, 2023.

5. Town Annual Report

Larson pointed out the copy of the 2021 Statement of Financial Condition for the Town, which a copy was shared with all in attendance.

Kautza discussed the sand/salt shed and how it has benefitted the Town. Larson brought up how when he recently went to Langlade County for blades, how the shop was all closed up early in the day. He stated we need to keep a surplus of sand/salt as we can't be dependent on Langlade County being available for to get materials.

Kautza discussed the ARPA funds the Town received. There was discussion on the staffing shortages with Birnamwood Fire and EMS, which is not just a problem they are having, but that all volunteer departments are having. He stated a lot of the issues comes from the time and training required (from the State) that is preventing qualified people from being able to serve. He stated how Birnamwood Fire/EMS is looking to hire a few full time employees, and how it will cost the member/owner municipalities, with a rough estimate starting at \$26,000 per year. He stated we are considering using our ARPA funds to cover that.

Micke asked if at the next Regular Town Board Meeting if we could add an agenda item to give an explanation to the meeting attendees how the municipality membership/ownership into the Department works. Kautza and Marien gave some details about the percentage of ownership municipalities have, and Parker provided a copy of the latest funding cost estimates from Birnamwood Area Emergency Services (BAES), which lists out the municipalities that are part of BAES. Micke stated this helps to answer his questions.

Parker pointed out she just received a text message from Erick Jensen, 178808 Pine View Road, who asked if the Town could add to its next regular meeting agenda a discussion item about getting a speed limit sign posted on Pine View Road. Kautza stated how this has been brought up before and how there is nothing the Town can do as we have no enforcement capabilities. It was brought up how some other Towns have speed limit signs on their

local roads and Kautza stated it is most likely that they simply went ahead and posted the signs, but those most likely are not enforceable either. There was discussion how in past years the Town had a constable.

6. Announcements

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Kuschel, second by Larson, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully,

Valerie Parker
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