

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin  
Regular Meeting of the Town  
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza**

Kautza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Parker noted both Marien and McRae were present.

Also, in attendance: Clerk, Valerie Parker, Treasurer, Connie Sippl

Also present, to possibly speak under Public Comments, were:

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z

Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road

**4. Visitors**

None.

**5. Public Comments/Concerns (Limit 5 Minutes Per Person)**

None.

**6. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- **November 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting & 2023 Budget Hearing**
- **November 15, 2022 – Special Board Meeting to Adopt 2023 Budget**

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, meetings.***

**7. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures**

The Board went through the expenditures.

**8. Review and Action on 2022 Monthly Budget**

Parker stated she transferred funds from the General checking account to the Money Market account, to bring the year-end balance down to \$25,000.00 (with factoring in any other expenditures due yet this month).

Kautza stated we should be receiving an invoice from Antigo Arborist, and he would like that paid before January, to keep that cost in 2022.

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the monthly budget.***

**9. Clerk's Report**

Parker stated she posted out the required notices for the spring election. She completed the reports needed for the County to process the tax bills, which now Sippl can get those mailed out. Parker stated she is now working on end-of-year wage reports so that she can have everyone's W-2's prepared for the January meeting.

**10. Road Report**

Larson stated they just completed all the right-of-way tree cutting for this year. He was able to get all the branches chipped up and wood hauled out. He stated residents in the area have pretty much picked up all the remaining wood that was left from the cuttings.

Larson stated he has been doing a lot of road sanding. He commented that he is noticing a lot of potholes showing up, where cold mix was put down. Kautza commented on how Hatchery Road seems to have some of the worst areas. He feels we need to plan for some kind of repair for that area this coming year. Kautza stated we will probably have to dig that wet area out this spring and gravel over that. Larson feels it would be best to put

cold mix down, as gravel will just get bad again, with as wet as it is there. Both agreed this is an area we will look at as a project for 2023.

Larson stated he is all set for the snow and ice that is coming. He discussed the DEF tank and stand that he has set up in the shop.

## 11. Old Business

- **Reparations for Road Damage on Eau Claire River Road, East of County Road Y**

Kautza provided Parker with the following contact information: Jesse & Savannah Drake, 709 Chellis Street, Wausau, WI 54401. He stated that these are the people to invoice for the road repair work done on Eau Claire River Road, back in May and August, as they owned the house and caused the damage to the roadway when moving it off the property (property owned by Stuart Vaughn, addressed as 237722 Eau Claire River Road, Aniwa, WI 54408).

Fahrner Asphalt performed the repair work on 08/02/2022, and invoiced the Town \$4,981.00. Larson had time and materials involved in the preparation and overseeing of this project, and Kautza stated we will bill \$700.00 for that. Kautza told Parker to be sure to send the invoice and letter to Drakes via Certified Mail, so that we can track when we receive it. Parker will draft a letter and share with the Board for their review before sending it out.

- **Status of American Rescue Plan Act – Possible use of Funds**

Kautza stated will most likely use these funds to cover the Birnamwood Area Emergency Services billings.

- **Start Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning**

Kautza stated he is still looking into this further, as he feels the 10-year agreement, the County claims is in place, does not hold weight (as there does not appear to be any official signed contract). Kautza stated with all the staffing changes, and the lack of assistance provided, he feels we could end our agreement if we wanted.

Marien commented that he recalls during the meetings, in 2016, the County told the Town that the Town could get out of County Zoning any time that it wanted to.

McRae stated the County did reimburse him for his time and position for the year. He stated that if we do pull out of County Zoning, he can talk with Matt Szews about overseeing small project building permits, but was not sure if Szews has the time to commit to this right now. McRae stated if absolutely needed, he himself could take this on. Kautza stated how Mike Block would still be overseeing new home constructions.

Parker stated if we ended County Zoning, and started issuing small building project permits that we would need to come up with, and adopt, a list of projects that require permits along with a fee schedule.

Kautza stated this topic should remain on the future agendas.

## 12. New Business

- **Discussion on January Caucus Meeting Date: January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

Parker confirmed this will be held at 6pm, with the regular Board meeting immediately following that meeting.

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to hold the January Caucus Meeting on January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.***

- **Discussion on Eastern Marathon County Towns & Villages Unit Meeting: January 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Sippl explained that she talked to Al Christensen, who confirmed with her the date and time are set for January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. She said dinner would be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sippl discussed that she has been researching places to have the food catered in from (Mattoon Market, Arby's, Lisa's Lakeside, etc.). Kautza suggested that the Town work with Lakeside Market and just order ham, buns, sides, desserts, plates, etc. We could prepare this ourselves.

Sippl showed Kautza a list of businesses that the Town does business with that she will send letters to asking for donations to offset the cost of the Town hosting this meeting.

*[Parker commented, after the meeting, that she spoke with the Town's Association to verify that we do not have to post this as a "public" meeting, as this meeting is strictly meant for Town and Village elected officials. She will be required to post a notice of possible quorum, explaining no Town actions will be taken by the Board.]*

- **Discussion on Date for 2023 Open Book: Monday, April 17, 2023, 5pm – 7pm**
- **Discussion on Date for 2023 Board of Review: Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6pm – 8pm**  
Marien questioned the required Board of Review training. Parker stated she can look into this and let them know. She pointed out that usually there are training sessions offered in the monthly Town's Association newsletters.

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien to approve the dates for 2023 Open Book and Board of Review as noted.***

**13. Remarks from Board**

None.

**14. Future Items**

- **Town Caucus Meeting – January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2023, Immediately following the Town Caucus Meeting.**

**15. Adjourn**

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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