

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, Immediately Following the 6:00 p.m. Town Caucus Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

Kautza called the meeting to order at 6:08 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

Cathy Marien, 184949 County Road Z

Karla Larson, 185153 County Road Z

4. Visitors

None.

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

Micke brought up the reduction he saw in his property taxes, and the changes that have gone on over the last several years, where they have increased and decreased. He also brought up the additional money left over in the fund balance above the goal of \$100,000, and suggested we take that extra money and pay off the tractor loan next month. He stated with the interest that would be saved and reduction in taxes over the next several years would be a great service to the taxpayers. Micke also brought up the Town informational letter that was included in the tax bills. He stated that while he appreciates the information provided in there, it is basically the same as in the past, and how we could do more to communicate to the taxpayers the current things going on.

There was some discussion on the school taxes (Antigo went down 15%, while Wittenberg went up 15%).

Kautza stated that as far as the fund balance goes, we want to have those available for when we decide to take on road projects, as we don't know what those will cost yet, and we'd prefer to not have to borrow for them.

Kautza stated we need to at least wait until summer, where we can look at things and discuss plans then.

6. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• December 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022, meetings.

7. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board went through the expenditures.

8. Review and Action on 2023 Monthly Budget

Parker explained the list of credits and debits that she included with the Board's packets tonight. She stated the expenditures that they are signing tonight are all included in this list.

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

9. Clerk's Report

Parker stated she completed W-2's and is working on other annual reports. She stated she just found out last week there is a Spring Primary Election (Justice of Supreme Court) on February 21st, followed by the Spring Election on April 4th, and will be working on these.

10. Road Report

Larson stated he has been working on salt/sanding and grading the roads. He stated how he has gone through almost as much salt/sand just in these past few months, as he went through all of last winter. He stated he just received 6 more loads of salt/sand from Fraaza Rocks and Sand, and that he will be picking up 2 loads from Langlade County. He stated there are a few potholes showing up, that will need to be dealt with in the spring.

Larson pointed out our LP Tank is down to 37%. Kautza stated to schedule the filling once it gets between 10% - 20%.

11. Old Business

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

Kautza stated he is working with the Town of Rolling Assessor to determine who actually owns that house.

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

Nothing new.

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

Larson stated he read the information Parker shared from the Wisconsin Town's Association attorney. He stated what the attorney wrote was not real clear. It was brought up how the Attorney referenced being able to get out when a comprehensive revision of the zoning code is underway. McRae pointed out how the County will be having an open house meeting about revisions occurring with Chapters 17 (zoning) and 18 (land division).

Kautza stated to leave this topic on the agenda.

- **Update on Eastern Marathon County Towns & Villages Unit Meeting: Jan. 25, 2023, 6:30pm**

Kautza stated he has this covered, where he has 15 pounds of ham ordered, along with potato salad, water, plates, silverware, napkins, etc.

Sipl commented we received a \$100.00 donation from Meverden Materials.

12. New Business

- **Discussion on Board of Review Training**

Parker stated according to WTA, there will be training towards the end of April, but she does not know if it will occur prior to the Board of Review meeting. Marien stated he may be covered, as his last training was April 29th, and Board of Review is April 25th, so it would be within a year.

- **Discussion on Annual Meeting Time (3rd Tuesday – April 18th)**

Kautza stated he may be out of town on vacation during this meeting. It was stated that the Annual Meeting can occur prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

13. Remarks from Board

Sipl will not be in attendance at the next Town Board Meeting.

14. Future Items

- **Regular Board Meeting – February 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Spring Primary Election (If Needed) – February 21, 2023, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Spring Election – April 4, 2023, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Open Book – April 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- **Annual Town Meeting – April 18, 2023 (6:00 p.m.)**
- **Regular Board Meeting – April 18, 2023, Immediately following the Annual Town Meeting.**
- **Board of Review – April 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

15. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Valerie Parker
Town of Plover Clerk

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