

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

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

2. 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, and Rick Larson

3. Visitors

Marathon County Conservation, Planning, & Zoning Representatives – Update on County Zoning Services

- **Laurie Miskimins, Director, Shad Harvey, Land Resource Manager, Garrett Pagel, Zoning Technician**
Miskimins introduced herself, Harvey, and Pagel, and briefly explained their roles with Marathon County CPZ.

Miskimins discussed that they took a ride and looked at properties at 176466 County Road N and 180655 State Highway 52, where Parker notified them of those properties needing to be cleaned up. Parker mentioned they may want to check out the property on the far east end of the Town on County Road Z.

Miskimins brought up the shipping containers issue, and how the Board of Adjustments and Environmental Resources Committee are still not allowing those to be located within the RR, LDR, and UR zoning districts; however, knowing that the Town is not opposed to the containers, any that are currently in existence can remain, but they ask that we let anyone know who inquires about them that they cannot have any more.

Kautza brought up about the property at 230071 County Road D, where a new storage shed was being built (without a home). How the property owners have indicated their intentions to potentially live in a camper parked under that shed for a few years. Kautza stated he saw plumbing being run into that shed, and thinks they are planning to make living quarters within the shed. Miskimins stated they will take a drive over there when they leave the meeting to check it out. Kautza stated he believes they will be pouring concrete tomorrow.

Miskimins stated regarding the Town Deputy Zoning Administrator position, that the County is moving away from having those positions and are instead asking Towns to direct all calls, inquiries, etc. to their department. Kautza stated that he is disappointed to hear the County is moving away from that.

Parker brought up the notification she just received about the Merle Martin Conditional Use Permit, and how it was too late to get on this agenda, so she will add it to the July 12th Town Board agenda. Miskimins stated that topic does not come up before the ERC until late July, so it will be okay.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **May 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the May 10, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board went through the expenditures.

7. Review and Action on 2022 Monthly Budget

Parker brought up how the Caterpillar Grader will now be paid off, and because we are paying it off a month early, we will save \$3,456.27.

Parker brought up that we need to invoice Merle Martin for grading work. It was brought up that we need to invoice Charlie Wild for damage to Village Road by their farm tractor equipment. It was brought up that we need to pay Tom Sippl for work he has done for the Town recently. Parker will follow-up with Kautza and Larson on these items.

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

8. Clerk's Report

9. Parker brought up that in a few days we will receive the 2nd ARPA payment in the amount of \$35,848.98.

Parker stated next month we will discuss the Merle Martin Conditional Use Permit.

Parker brought up the voicemail message she had from Carrie Olsen, of Mid-State Consultants, regarding the Frontier work on Village Road. Kautza stated talked with her and gave her the verbal go-ahead to do the work, and that she needs to contact us on a case-by-case basis for future projects.

Kautza asked Parker if she responded to the wage inquiry by Harrison. Parker said it is on her list and she will try to get it done by end of this week.

Parker noted that as we get closer to running out of Banner Bank checks she will start discussions with CoVantage to open a Town checking account there.

10. Road Report

Larson stated he has been doing some cold mix patching on roads. He brought up the damage on Village Road from the manure spreader.

Larson stated Neil and Kathleen Szutkowski, at 183955 Old Lake Road complained that WM is turning around at their driveway and damaging the road. Parker stated she will reach out to Chad Koehler and Scott Stencil of WM about this.

Larson brought up the work needed on Raatz Lane. Kautza told him to go ahead and have Jack Kautza remove the rock.

Larson brought up about how the slope by Ryan Trout's property (183518), on Sportsman is washing out. Kautza stated to go ahead and get 6" of rock from Fraaza to fill in the creek area, along with some rip rap on top of that.

Larson stated he took the measurement for the corduroy area on Sportsman Road. Kautza stated we will let K&D, Ken Abrahams, Jack Kautza, etc., know about that project.

11. Old Business

- **Status of Crack Filling Project by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers**

Kautza stated he was informed that Fahrner is planning to do the crackfilling project in July.

- **Status of LRIP Program: Sportsman Road Project and Other Possible 2022 Projects**

Kautza stated for the Sportsman Road Project, we need a bid that consists of 150 feet, 4-foot deep removal of material, installing 30 inches of sandfill, layer of fabric, 18 inches of road base. Fabric will be supplied by the Town, but installed by contractor. This project includes compacting every one foot. There is to be no aggregate larger than 3 inches in the sandfill, and road base should consist of 3/4-rock. Completion before September 30th. This project area will be paved in 2023. Kautza stated we will work with Marathon County to see if they will do the paving.

After some discussion, it was determined that we most likely will not be able to meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the LRIP program, and the "Status of LRIP Program" can be removed from the future agendas. We will watch for other grants that may come available in the future for projects.

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

Parker stated we will receive the 2nd payment of these funds in a few days.

- **Status on County Zoning Violation/Complaint & Shipping/Storage Container Code Revision Update**

Discussed under Visitors.

- **Status of Provider Board for the Birnamwood Area Emergency Services Meeting, Regarding Planning the Funding Needs from Owning Members and Contracted Municipalities for Paying 2 On-Duty People to Staff the Ambulance 24/7.**

Marien stated discussions are continuing. The latest is that they would bill Municipalities every 6 months, and we would be looking at about \$13,000. He said the next meeting is June 29th. Marien stated the Ambulance service is talking about raising their rates.

- **Continued Discussion on Potential Tractor Purchase.**

Kautza stated how Larson was told by the representative at Weyer's how they have one 2021 tractor in stock now. Any 2022 tractors will be an extra \$12,000 - \$15,000. Weyer's has offered to sell us the 2021 tractor at the originally quoted price from last year. The representative has indicated that there are other customers interested in purchasing that last tractor.

The Board agreed we should move on this purchase now, while the offer is still out there. Plus, this purchase is already included in our approved 2022 budget (and we now have paid off both the Freightliner Truck and Caterpillar Grader). It was discussed that we will purchase the Case IH Maxxum 115 (Semi-Powershift Transmission) tractor, estimated at 89,999, along with the Alamo Machete 3 25' (Piston Pump) Side Boom Mower with Rotary Head estimated at \$79,999 (total of \$169,998). It was stated the mower may be \$1,000 higher now, than originally estimated.

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to move forward with this purchase. Larson will get the paperwork from Weyer's Equipment, and Parker will contact CoVantage Credit Union to get the loan started.

Kautza stated that he will contact Cory Schairer about our current John Deere tractor, who previously expressed interest in purchasing it for about \$40,000. There was discussion about the tire option that Weyers was offering, but we would leave the stock tires.

12. New Business

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

Kautza explained how a double-wide home, on the Vaughn property, on Eau Claire River Road, was taken apart and moved off the property without any moving permits, and caused damage to the road. The house was purchased by Jesse Drake, who works for Amaximmo Realty and Kevin Drake moved the house for Jesse Drake into the Town of Rolling.

Kautza stated the first half was moved around mid-May, and how they were told they need to get permits, but they went ahead and moved the other section on May 22nd. Kautza stated he and Larson were there video taping the second section of the house being moved, and the damage that was caused to the road. Kautza stated he did call the State Patrol, but they were not responding. Kautza stated he told the Drake's how they will be responsible for all costs to fix the road.

After the incident, Kautza contacted Fahrner to come out and do an estimate on what it would cost to fix the damaged section. Fahrner's estimate came in at \$4,981.00. We would bill for that cost along with Kautza and Larson's time. Kautza stated we may need to contact an attorney on this. Kautza stated first we will bill the responsible party, and see what happens, and go from there.

- **Discuss and Draft Bid for Road Project on Sportsman Drive**
Discussed under Old Business.
- **Discuss Waste Management's Plans to Change Weekly Garbage/Recycling Collection Day from Friday to Mondays, Beginning June 27th**
Kautza stated he thinks their reasoning for changing the routes has to do with the high fuel costs. He confirmed that they are going to tag the carts and that Parker will be sending them an address list. Parker stated that we don't have a list of properties that use the service, so all she can do is send them a list of all property owners in the Town, with the hopes that for any rental properties, the landlords will inform the tenants or the tagging of carts will take care of those.

13. Remarks from Board

None.

14. Future Items

- **Regular Board Meeting – July 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – August 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (Revised Date, Due to August 9th Election)**

- **Regular Board Meeting – September 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (Start Discussing 2023 Budget)**

15. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully,

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