

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414
Tuesday, May 10, 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

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

Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road

Chris Crawford, 234095 Clay Road

3. Public Bids for Crack Filling Projects

• Open Public Bids

Kautza opened the three received bids from:

1. Precision Sealcoating, Inc, of Princeton, WI
2. Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, of Plover, WI
3. Thunder Road, of Genesee, WI

• Review and Discussion of Public Bids

Kautza opened up and read the three bids, which were as follows:

Project Description	Precision Sealcoating	Fahrner Asphalt	Thunder Road
1/2 Mile of Eau Claire River Road	\$3,175.00	\$5,488.00	\$6,200.00
1 Mile on Sportsman Drive	\$5,350.00	\$4,649.00	\$7,700.00
7/10 Mile on Hatchery Road	\$4,925.00	\$3,351.00	\$4,650.00
Total Bid	\$13,450.00	\$12,653.00	\$18,550.00

The Board discussed the results and acknowledged that Fahrner had the lowest bid. It was discussed that we would like the work done by September, if not sooner.

• Approve and Award of Bid

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to award the public bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the total amount of \$12,653.00.

Kautza asked Parker to mailed the signed contract to Fahrner and to contact Precision and Thunder Road with the results. He will contact Fahrner Asphalt tomorrow.

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

None.

5. Visitors

None.

6. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• April 19, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the April 19, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

7. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board went through the expenditures.

It was brought up that the Freightliner truck is now paid off (early), which saved the Town in some interest.

8. Review and Action on 2022 Monthly Budget

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

9. Clerk's Report

Parker noted that she was required to file an Expenditure Restraint report to the WI Department of Revenue, and by doing so, there was potential for the Town to receive more funds; however, the Town did not qualify. She is finishing up the annual Municipal CT Report.

10. Road Report

Larson stated he is doing some grading of roads.

Kautza commented on the logging occurring on Sportsman Drive. He stated that Ivan Flannery has hired J&S Logging, who is driving their log trucks east from the site over to North Pole Road. Kautza stated he has had discussions with Flannery and J&S about how they can't be driving their trucks down North Pole Road, due to weight and potential road damage, that they need to make their landing to the site wider so that they can instead head west over to County Road Y. Kautza stated he will continue to monitor this, and if it is found they are still traveling to North Pole Road, he will contact the Sheriff's Department.

There was discussion on roads with corduroy areas and test digging that has been conducted to get an idea of what is going on. There was discussion of areas where the humps will get dug out and filled in with granite for the time being. It was discussed that between now and the June meeting, Kautza and Larson will do more research on the section of Sportsman that needs to be reconstructed, and we will then discuss the language needed for the bid at the June meeting, for a July bid. It was discussed that the first year we will probably just have gravel put down with pavement the second year. Kautza can discuss this with County Highway Commissioner, Jim Griesbach to see if we can work with them on the pavement portion of the project and have qualify for the LRIP grant.

Larson discussed our culvert needs and the conditions of a few of them, such as by the Ann Thomas pond (on Sportsman Drive), one on Red Granite Road, and on Pine View Road, west of County Road Y. Kautza told Larson when he works on the Pine View culvert, that either he, Tom Sippl, or Art Hoppe could give Larson a hand with this.

11. Old Business

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

Discussed under Road Report.

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

Parker asked if this needs to be kept on the agenda, as we can use these funds however we need, but that she recommends we use them on one single large project. Kautza stated to let this topic remain on the agenda for now so that we keep discussing it.

• **Status on Comprehensive Plan Update**

Parker suggested the Board take action to remove this from the future agendas, as it seems the Town should not be required to complete this, with our being under County Zoning. She suggested then if the Town gets approached by the County or State requiring this, we can bring it back up then.

Motion by Marien, second by McRae to remove the topic o Comprehensive Plan Update from future agendas, until a time that the County or State requests this from the Town.

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

McRae stated the storage container code revision did not pass with the County. He stated that they informed him that if the Town does not want to enforce the issue, that they would not take action against properties with them at this time, and how the County will bring this potential code change back up again next year. He explained that they have had a recent major tun-over in staffing and how they plan to attend our June Town Board meeting to introduce themselves. Kautza asked McRae if the County has been paying him at all for acting as Zoning liaison

for the Town (as in the past). McRae stated they have not and he is not sure if they consider this position anymore. Kautza stated this can be brought up next month when the County attends our meeting.

Parker suggested this would be a good time for us to make a list of properties the County needs to follow-up on. After some discussion, Kautza suggested that McRae make a list of zoning violations and Parker make a list of properties that need to be cleaned up, and these can be discussed with the County at our next meeting.

- **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 they are meeting monthly, with meetings held at the end of the month. They are looking at changing how the municipality charges will be, which they are basing on call volumes by each of the municipalities, which showed Birnamwood with the highest number and percentage of calls.

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

There was brief discussion about how long orders are taking to be filled. Kautza stated we should start getting some numbers together on a new tractor, and how even if we committed to one now, it may take a year or so for the tractor to be built and purchased. Kautza also asked Larson to make some calls to find out what kind of timeline we would be looking at if we ordered a tractor.

12. New Business

Kautza stated we will discuss a July road bid opening at the June meeting.

13. Remarks from Board

None.

14. Future Items

- **Regular Board Meeting – June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**
- **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)**

15. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

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