

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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 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. Public Comments/Concerns (Limit 5 Minutes Per Person)

None.

4. Visitors

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Board acknowledged previously reviewing the minutes shared with them in April.

Motion by McRae, second by Marien to approve the April 20, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes.

6. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Motion by Marien, second by McRae to approve the expenditures.

7. 2021 Budget Review and Update

The Board reviewed the budget.

8. Clerk's Report

Parker stated this past month she reconciled and closed out the April 6th Spring Election. She also completed and submitted the Annual Recycling Report and Annual Municipal CT Financial Report. She commented on how Jackie and KerberRose was very helpful in her completing the CT report.

Parker reported that she has about 2 -3 months of checks left, and will need to decide on whether to order more checks for the check book, or switch over to printing checks from QuickBooks. Kautza suggested it may be easier to print checks.

Parker stated that the Board of Review occurred last week, and other than Merle Martin contacting Todd Anderson about his property that had the fire (previous to the Board of Review), no property owners came to the Board of Review.

Parker explained what she learned about with the garbage and recycling cart vandalism from Marathon County Sheriff Deputy McMillan, who shared with her the names of the boys involved. She stated that McMillan shared he got a tip a few weeks ago from a student of Wittenberg School District who overheard the boys talking about do the vandalism. She was told by McMillan how he then waited to see if anything would come of it, which it did. When he talked to one of the boys, that boy denied the event, but the next boy confessed to the whole story. Parker was told by McMillan that the boys (ages 15 and 16) were not going to be charged, but were being held responsible to clean up any trash, return any found garbage and recycling carts to their owners, and pay for any damaged carts. Parker explained to the Board if they hear of anyone who still has missing carts or has damaged carts that they need to contact Marathon County Sheriff's Department to get it straightened out, so that the boys can pay for the damage while the event is still open.

Parker brought up the Vlietstra kids on Pine View Road have been riding their 4-wheelers recklessly up and down the west end of Pine View Road. Kautza stated when it happens to contact Deputy Brian Madrewski (spelling?), who oversees the snowmobiles and 4-wheelers in our section of the County.

Parker explained that the Spring Clean-Up was completed yesterday (Monday, May 11th). Typically, this is completed in one day (1st Friday of May), but since there was an overwhelming amount of stuff set out for collection, Advanced Disposal/Waste Management (ADS/WM) had to come back out to finish the Town.

Parker commented on the pile of material on the Corey Curtis property, at 180655 State Highway 52, and how it did not get picked up since it was set so far off the road. To the normal person, that pile did not appear to be out for collection, at it was at least 10 feet back on the property. Apparently, Curtis contacted ADS/WM about when they would collect it and was told the collection was completed and how the material was not technically "out to the roadside" for collection. However, Dawn at ADS/WM offered to allow Curtis to haul the material to their site in Weston and dispose of it for free. Apparently, Curtis told her he can't make their open hours to drop the material off. However, this is Curtis' only option to get rid of it now. Parker plans to follow up with him.

Sipl brought up the large white tote full of stuff on North Pole Road (in front of property owned by the Peggy Schmitz family). Parker stated how she talked to the property owner, Josh Breyer (of 235435 North Pole Road), that other week, as he was inquiring on if he can set bags of trash out there, which Parker explained to him on the phone that due to the recent vandalism, bags of trash would be accepted on this day. Parker commented on how there was an enormous amount of material set out for collection. She stated that she did not recall seeing that large white tote sitting out there with the material, and wondered if it was placed after-the-fact. Sippl stated she was pretty certain that was out there with the other stuff. Parker stated that perhaps that large tote of stuff was not collected then, if the material inside it was not allowed for this collection. It was brought up that the reason the pile was so large was that Schmitz family members were putting their material in that location, figuring it would be seen more easily by ADS/WM. Kautza asked Parker to follow-up with ADS/WM on why that large white tote was left there. Parker stated she can also follow-up with the property owners.

Parker brought up the Town's desktop computer. Kautza stated since it is a refurbished computer, there is no warranty and that Parker could take it to the Northwoods Computer Guy to get it fixed.

9. Road Report

Larson stated he has been doing significant amount of ditching along Sportsman Drive. He commented on how the granite area needs more granite, and stated the only way he could do this is to close off one side of the road, dump a few loads of granite and then come back for the grader to grade it. Kautza stated that road is not that busy, so that should not be an issue. Kautza asked Larson to keep him updated on the progress and suggested any more needed granite to go ahead and get from Leo Meverden as his material is the same price as Jack Kautza's, and Meverden's material is more readily accessible. Larson asked about if he should put any plastic down for the slopes, which would cost \$571 from Volm (rolls of 15' x 300') or just plant with seed to prevent wash-out. There was discussion that Larson should put down 2 ½" stone so it packs good (which is about \$10 per ton). Larson stated that rather than the Town collecting rent from Schairer (which is \$400 per year), he could have Schairer assist him with the shoulder work, where Schairer could use their telehandler. Larson asked if he should plant some kind of seed along the shoulders or let the weeds grow through. Kautza stated he could get some kind of seed in there. Kautza stated he can talk to Dan at FS to see what they have.

Larson commented that he posted 22-ton weight limit at Crescent where the milk truck comes in. There was discussion about posting the rest of the road at 15-tons.

Larson stated he cut out the paved hump at the intersection of County Road Y and Pine View Road. He then packed it with some granite.

Larson stated on Red Granite Road there are two soft spots (one 115' and the other is 210') on either side of Krueger's driveway. Kautza stated we should get some bids on fixing these spots. Larson stated based on last time, the cost would probably be about \$10,000. Kautza stated the Town should be able to handle that cost.

Kautza stated as far as crack sealing the roads, he has not heard back from Fahrner on their pricing, and will contact Scott's. Larson stated there are some back spots on Sportsman and Hatchery and how pretty much the full length of Pine View has cracks. Larson stated we should put a requirement on the project that it is completed before school year starts.

Larson stated he will grade more of the roads once we get more rain.

10. Old Business

- **LRIP Program Updates – Sportsman Road Project**

Kautza stated there was nothing new to report yet.

Kautza and Larson discussed the spots on Sportsman Drive that need to be repaired (alligator spots?). Larson commented that we could have that ground up and recycle that asphalt. Kautza stated we may want to do some exploratory digging to see what exactly is going on there.

Parker stated that if the Town wanted to take on any large projects, since we have a population of less than 3,000, we could call a special meeting of the electors, if we need to raise the levy to cover a large project.

Kautza stated that we will have our loans paid off in a few years, where the Town could then take on more debt for projects.

11. New Business

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

Parker stated nothing different other than the Town can use the funds for water, sewer, and broadband. She commented on how the Town could use it to put up a cell tower (and buy land for a cell tower). Kautza pointed out that this money can be used on a road project if it fronts a small business.

Parker stated that the Town can only receive up to 75% of it's annual budget.

It was brought up that the Town needs a DUNS number to receive the grant. Parker stated she is looking into that. McRae suggested to go online to search to see if the Town already has one before applying.

12. Remarks from Board

McRae discussed how on the Thompson property they still need their zoning permit for the home they are constructing. They have their permit through Mike Block already. It was stated the basement hole was dug, but the concrete has not been poured for the basement yet.

McRae brought up about the Syndee Martin property at 179621 Highway 52, and how they received a letter from the County on their building needing a zoning permit. McRae commented on other properties along North Pole Road and Highway 52 that the County has been in contact with.

Sippl commented on the shed brought in at 23555 North Pole Road (Joe Frailing), if they have a zoning permit. She commented that Jack Kautza was recently working there on the driveway.

McRae commented on the Andrew Roelse property at 177930 County Road N, along the east side of the Plover River, how the owner is dealing with the DNR on fill permit issues and still needs to finish working with the County Zoning to get their house built. Currently have a shed out there.

Marien stated that he attended a Fire Board meeting last week. They are having a difficult time getting people to work. The Department is looking at putting together an incentive program to bring people in. it was explained that we could use some of our ARPA money to pay for that.

13. Future Items

- **Regular Board Meeting – June 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – July 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – August 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

14. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

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