

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

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Immediately Following Town Caucus Meeting**

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**Minutes**

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

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

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

Clerk Valerie Parker noted Marien and McRae were also present. Treasurer, Connie Sippl was excused.

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z

**3. Visitors**

None.

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

None.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

• **January 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

*Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the meeting minutes from January 14, 2025.*

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

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

Parker asked the Board if it would be fine to pay Pranke his monthly reimbursement with his first monthly check, which they answered yes.

**7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget**

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

**8. Clerk's Report**

Parker stated she is getting prepared for the Spring Primary Election along with the upcoming Spring Election. She discussed the NSF check that was received, which she got cleared up today. She has also been working with Birnamwood Fire Department on some billings for fire calls. Parker stated that she will not be around now for the Board of Review, but Sippl told her she would fill in.

**9. Road Report**

Kautza stated during Saturday's snow storm, he only received one plowing complaint, otherwise, everything seemed to be fine. He was in communication with Pranke during the snow event, and instructed Pranke to go wait until Monday to finish cleaning up the roads. McRae stated there could be a little more sanding done up the hill on Old Lake Road. It was discussed that Pranke is still getting used to knowing how much salt/sand the spreading is putting out, as it is hard to tell with it being behind the truck.

Parker commented that she requested Pranke to shovel around the bulletin boards and what happened with the bulletin board on the corner of Pine View and County Road D.

There was some discussion about looking into eliminating the intersecting road between County Road D and Pine View Road. There was also some discussion about some dead trees along the right-of-way that will need to be cut.

Marien pointed out those orange safety flags that the County mounts to the stop signs on County Road Y, at both County Road N and County Road Z, and how we could try mounting something like that on the curve signs on Eau Claire River Road. The Board felt that would be an inexpensive option.

## 10. New Business

- **Start Discussion on Municipal 2026 Garbage and Recycling Hauler Contract**

Parker stated this is on the agenda so that we start the discussion. She stated that the Town can either renew the 5-year contract with Waste Management, when it is up on December 31, 2025, or we can send it out for public bid. She pointed out that we have to notify Waste Management by October 1, 2025, if we are going to put it out for bid, as our contract requires a 90-day notification. With this, if we are going to bid it out, we will want to start that process this summer. She also pointed out that we currently have a pretty good rate with Waste Management, and has heard (through her role with the Village of Weston) that if we put it out for public bid, we run the risk of significant higher rates. Parker explained how in Weston, the Village Board directed the Village Administrator to start a discussion with Waste Management to see what a renewed contract might look like, and by starting that discussion now, it gives the Village enough time to decide whether to renew or bid. She stated the Town of Plover could consider a similar way of handling this.

Kautza commented that he has heard that All American may be interested in bidding on municipal contracts, and requested Parker to reach out to them to see if we put our contract out for bid, if they would be interested in bidding and making them aware of the estimated number of carts they would have to supply. He also requested Parker to go ahead and start a discussion with Waste Management on what our renewal would look like.

Parker stated if we were to renew, the contract would have to be modified, as there are certain things within the contract that Waste Management no longer offers. She also pointed out that this summer is our last scheduled Spring Clean-Up. It was discussed that when we bid last time, Harter's was actually cheaper, but that they did not offer the roadside Spring Clean-Up.

## 11. Old Business

- **Continued Discussion and Possible Action on 2025 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated he went to the recent meeting, where he had an opportunity to talk to the Deputy County Highway Supervisor to find out if they would do any paving for the Town. He stated that they would be willing to help with road patching, but would not get involved in paving long stretches of road. Kautza was advised to reach out to American Asphalt and/or Northeast Asphalt on our roadway paving needs. Kautza stated the County told him that whether to just do asphalt top coating or asphalt grinding is based on the condition of the roadway.

Kautza stated we have to finish doing some digging on Hatchery Road, which will get bid this spring. He stated that we may want to bid out some digging on Crescent Road as well. Then we would have all the patched areas paved.

There was some discussion on the County Meeting coming up related to internet services to the Towns.

- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning (Per WI Act 264 – Process Can't Start Until 2027)**

Parker brought up the survey she received and that she shared with the Board. She has not had time to fill it out, but that it is not required. It is a survey on overall County Zoning regulations for Town's under County Zoning.

McRae stated he has not heard anything from the CPZ lately and will reach out for updates.

## 12. Remarks from Board

None.

## 13. Future Items

- Spring Primary Election – February 18, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- Spring Election – April 1, 2025, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Annual Town Board Meeting – April 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – April 15, 2025, Following the Annual Town Meeting
- Open Book – April 22, 2025, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Board of Review – April 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

## 14. Adjourn

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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