

Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plover Electors
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

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

2. All Present Roll Call, Clerk Valerie Parker

Parker noted the following 9 Town Electors were present:

Valerie Parker, 230801 County Road Y
Tony Kautza, 184726 Village Road
Peter Marien, 184949 County Road Z
Scott McRae, 183527 Old Lake Road
Connie Sippl, 236281 North Pole Road
Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z
Roy Kuschel, 184878 County Road Z
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z
Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road

3. Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting

• **April 16, 2024, Annual Meeting**

Parker read the minutes.

Motion by Larson, second by McRae, to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024.

4. Set Date for 2026 Annual Meeting

• **April 21, 2026 (3rd Tuesday in April)**

Motion by Marien, second by Boettcher to set the 2026 date for April 21, 2026.

5. Town Annual Report – 2024 Statement of Financial Condition

Kautza pointed out the 2024 Statement of Financial Condition that has been shared with those in attendance.

Kautza explained that this year, the Town will be blacktopping the patches on Sportsman Drive and Hatchery Road. He stated there will need to be some more digging on Hatchery Road, and depending on how the year goes, may do some work on Crescent Drive. We will be getting hard top bids for Village Road, Eau Claire River Road, east/west portion of Crescent Drive. He stated we will be looking at Old Lake Road.

Kautza pointed out that about 3 weeks ago our newly (since Nov. 2024) hired Town Road Maintenance Operator left employment. The Town has been working with a couple of retired individuals who have been assisting us with snow plowing and grading. There is a potential guy he has been in conversation with, who may be interested in the job. Boettcher brought up the resident that lives above Doreen Erbrecht, who has indicated he would be interested. Kautza stated if we are not able to find someone through word of mouth, then we will post the position again.

Kautza brought up recent discussions he had with the new Chairman of Easton, who was asking him if we have a copy of a reciprocal agreement on who covers the roads that are jointly owned by our two municipalities. Kautza stated we may have a document filed away somewhere, otherwise, it may have been more of a gentlemen's agreement back in the day.

Kautza stated that Don Dahms, Antigo Arborist, did some tree cutting work on South Pole Road, but since has stopped, since the Town does not have an employee to assist, and Dahms is now onto other projects of his own. Kautza stated later this year, we may have him cut some trees along Hatchery Road.

Motion by Marien, second by Parker, to approve the Annual Report – 2024 Statement of Financial Condition.

6. Announcements

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Kautza to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully,

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

Chairman Kautza called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

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

Clerk Valerie Parker noted Marien and McRae were also present.

Also, in attendance: Treasurer, Connie Sippl, and Clerk, Valerie Parker

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z

Roy Kuschel, 184878 County Road Z

Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road

3. Visitors

AJ Hulman, of All American Dumpster Rentals, Antigo, was present. He stated they currently service Harrison, Hewitt, Langlade, and about 1,000 customers in Antigo. He gave a summary of the residential garbage and recycling collection services that they offer to municipalities, which includes spring clean-ups, weekly garbage and recycling collection through their split-bodied trucks. He stated their trucks are equipped with cameras for safety and collection issues. He stated that they haul their collected garbage and recycling to GFL's location in Antigo, but could consider hauling our garbage to Marathon County Solid Waste Department (landfill). He stated that when they initially deliver carts to newly served households, they will attach a calendar and recycling instructions to the carts for the residents, and will provide information to the Town to post on their website. He stated that they keep their carts well maintained, and if he sees resident carts that are in bad repair, he will initiate getting them fixed or replaced. If residents have issues, they would contact his local office directly. He stated typically, they see 5-year contracts. He stated they have been in business now for about 9 years.

Parker stated she will be drafting the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Board to review at the May meeting, and will get them sent out to haulers possibly in June (may be July). Kautza stated we would be awarding the contract early this summer. The next contract will begin January 1, 2026.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **March 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2025.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget

Parker stated the Town should have received its annual Lottery Credit payment today. She stated the Town has \$35,468.96 left in ARPA funds, which need to be spent by December 31, 2026.

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker stated she recently reconciled the Spring Election, and there won't be another election now until next year. She filed the Board of Review Training reports and the Annual Recycling Grant Report. She is still working through the Annual CT Report (due May 15th).

Parker stated that she is working on creating a Town Facebook account. With this, she can assign additional Administrators. It was agreed for now, it will be just Parker being the Administrator, as the elected Board Members felt they should not be in that role. Parker stated that by creating an official Town Facebook page, if the day comes that she retires from this position, it can be easily handed over to the next Clerk, as currently all Town Facebook business is being conducted through her personal Facebook. Once she has this all set up, she will start posting Town news there, versus via her personal Facebook. She stated that as long as the Town Board "Friends/Follows" this new Facebook page, they will be able to see posts and they can still comment.

9. Road Report

Kautza stated that Bill O'Neil was assisting the Town with snow plowing, and how now Dave Schwarm has been assisting the Town with road grading. Both are retired road maintenance operators from other municipalities. Larson stated that Neil Stadler has been assisting with some tree removal from the rights-of-way, and is tracking his time. It was pointed out that others in the Town have been doing their part to help keep our roads clear.

Kautza stated that he noticed a section on Sportsman Drive, where the hard top is only 1" thick, and is spider cracking, and brought up the soft spot on Hatchery Road. He stated that he will have Leo Meverden haul granite over to Sportsman Drive for grading.

10. New Business

- Discussion and Action on Amended Meeting Dates for July and August Town Board Meetings**

There was discussion on Sippl and Marien having conflicts with the 2nd Tuesday regular meeting dates in July and August. After some discussion, it was agreed we would meet the 1st Tuesday of those months (July 1st and August 5th). Parker will get some announcements out about this.

- Discussion and Possible Action on Town Road Maintenance Operator Position**

Kautza stated that he will reach out to Scott Keen again to see if he is interested. If there is no response then we will list the position.

- Discussion and Action on the Purchase and Installation of an Emergency Generator for the Town Hall**

Kautza stated following the long power outages that occurred a few weeks ago, he wanted to discuss the possibility of using ARPA funds to purchase a portable diesel generator for the Town Hall. He stated that it would assist us, if the power is out at the Hall, to be able to open the overhead shop doors. He stated it would also provide a place for people without power to come to be warm and to charge their devices.

Sippl stated that she felt this would not be a good idea to just open up the hall to anyone. Kautza stated that he would be the one to open up the building.

Kautza stated how the generator would provide continued power for elections, plus we need power for the well pump, etc. Kautza stated this generator would be on wheels so that it could be stored in the Town shop, and then rolled out when needing to run (as it would run on diesel). He stated the power box to plug into is behind the mechanical room, off of the Board Room. There was some discussion that it would be difficult to maintain the backside of the building, during the winter, to wheel the generator to that location.

It was discussed that the County Emergency Management Department may have grants that we can utilize to purchase something.

Marien brought up that Birnamwood is still discussing possibly purchasing a new ambulance, and how we may need those ARPA funds to pay for that.

McRae recommended we table this discussion for now, and do some research to see if there are some grants available, and/or if the County possibly has used generators that they would be willing to sell.

11. Old Business

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

Kautza stated he measured the areas for paving.

Hatchery Road, from where the patch was to Village Road. He stated just passed Village Road is a ½ mile. He stated that since it is a wide radius at that intersection, we may as well go down 100 feet on Village Road. He stated that then to Jerrod Kautza's driveway is another ½ mile. He stated so it would be just a touch over a half mile to pave the rest of Hatchery to State Highway 52. He stated we will get a bid for this blacktop project.

Sportsman Drive, by Dan Krimmer's, he measured that patch, to be blacktopped, at about 140 feet. The other three patch areas, to have blacktop laid down, measured out at 160 feet, 250 feet, and 450 feet. Total linear feet amounts to 1,000. He was not sure if we wanted to bid this out per patch or total footage. It was stated we would include in the bids grading, compacting, and shouldering – though, shouldering could be an add on, on the bids.

Kautza stated we will include a pre-bid meeting.

Parker stated that she thought we were doing the rest of the needed digging, and then paving all the patches. Kautza stated he does not know if we will get to that, and how right now we want to take care of the current patch areas.

Kautza stated as far as the bid, on Sportsman Drive, there will be 1,000 linear feet, 22 feet wide, 3" thick of blacktop (2 passes 1½ inch thick), covering 4 patches. They will need to saw cut with butt joints for each patch. To include grading, compacting, and shouldering. [Clerk's note – require Certificate of Insurance]

Kautza stated as far as the bid, on Hatchery Road, there will be ½ mile, 22 ft. wide, 3" blacktop, which will be 2 passes 1½" thick each. They will need to saw cut with a butt joint for both ends of the patch. To include grading, compacting, and shouldering.

It was brought up that during the pre-bid meeting we will need to discuss with contractors if they can pave over the seal coat.

There was discussion on weight limits, and how Marathon County and Langlade County have not said when they are coming off, but Shawano County is ending theirs on Monday. We will lift weight limits on Doolittle Road tomorrow.

Kautza figures it most likely will be American Asphalt and Northeast bidding on this patching project.

Kautza stated to also send a bid out on the seal coating, using the description listed in Fahrner's provided estimate for the "combined" pricing.

Kautza figures it will probably be just Scott's and Farhner bidding.

There was discussion on some of the other projects that will need to be looked at, such as adding and/or fixing culverts on Village Road and Elder Lane.

There was discussion on Old Lake Road, going down the hill, where it could use some hot patching. Kautza stated we could reach out to K&D or Christiansen to see if they could fill that.

- **Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Municipal 2026 Garbage and Recycling Hauler Contract**
Parker will draft an RFP to be reviewed at the May Town Board Meeting.

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

Nothing new has been occurring, other than Zoning Permits issued and shared to the Board. There was discussion on some of the new home permits (which are issued by Mike Block), and how sanitary permits and zoning permits are issued by the County.

12. Remarks from Board

Parker stated she will be out of town the last week of this month, and how Sippl will be clerking the BOR in her absence.

13. Future Items

- 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.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – May 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

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