

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. (Amended Date due to Scheduling Conflict)

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.

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

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z
Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

3. Visitors

None.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• June 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the meeting minutes from June 10, 2025.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

There was some discussion on the Fire Department charge of \$2,100.00 to respond and put out the fire on Crescent Drive, back on 05/31/25, when the Waste Management truck had to empty the burning load of trash on to the road. It was discussed that while we have a very good idea of which household the burning ashes came from (based on the pictures Waste Management provided), we can't 100% prove it. Kautza stated we could try claiming this on our insurance with Wilson Mutual. Parker will reach out to them.

7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker mentioned that we should be receiving the Town credit card to Scott Keen, which will be cancelled right away, since he has made the decision that he is no longer going to work for the Town.

Parker commented about the letter she received from Delmore Consulting, regarding offering taking care of the Town's bi-annual PASER rating for the rate of \$2,500.00. She explained this report is a requirement by the WI DOT, and how the State uses those numbers to plan their overall budget numbers and how much money they will allocate to Road funding for the entire State. How this does not affect our share of Transportation Aid funding presently, but they have heard rumblings on possible changes to this.

Kautza stated that he is fine with taking care of this report himself. How it is not that difficult to drive our Town roads and rate them. He stated it makes sense for larger municipalities to go with a firm like this.

9. Road Report

Kautza stated that American Asphalt has had the blacktopping projects underway.

Kautza stated that Scott Keen has put in his resignation, citing that the pay is just not enough for what he needs. There was some discussion on what some other communities are paying.

Kautza stated that Keen has offered to at least finish the right-of-way ditch mowing this week for the Town. McRae brought up some roads, including Old Lake Road, that have not been mowed yet. Kautza is thinking this could be because of the cold patching that was done, where maybe Keen did not want to tear it up. He will let Keen know.

Kautza stated that Larson took care of some road grading on Hatchery Road, and how most gravel roads are currently in good condition. The only one that may need to be taken care of is Doolittle Road. He stated he could reach out to Hanson's.

Kautza stated that Fahrner will be back out to take care of the second layer in August.

10. New Business

- **Discussion and Action on CPI Options for 2026 5-Year Refuse/Recycling Contract**

Parker explained the Town's current options with Harter's is:

- 1) Set CPI increase of 5% per year.
- 2) CPI yearly increase based on the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), expenditure category of "Garbage and Trash Collection".
(<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.t02.htm>)

Parker explained that Village of Weston negotiated with Harter's on their CPI (which they were offered the same two options). Weston's offer was for CPI was to cap it at 5% (for the duration of the contract), and how Harter's accepted that offer, but contingent on setting a minimum CPI of 3%.

When Parker looked up the Consumer Price Index Table (below), it showed that the CPI, from May 2024 – May 2025, was 6.1%

Bureau of Labor Statistics > Economic News Release > Consumer Price Index						
Economic News Release						
Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U. S. city average, by detailed expenditure category						
Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, May 2025						
[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]						
Expenditure category	Relative importance Apr. 2025	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		May 2024- May 2025	Apr. 2025- May 2025	Feb. 2025- Mar. 2025	Mar. 2025- Apr. 2025	Apr. 2025- May 2025
Garbage and trash collection(1)(10)	0.344	6.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.5

The Board advised Parker to see if we could get the same option, capping at 5%, with minimum of 3%. If Harter's does not agree with that, then we will go with the 5% option, as noted in their proposal.

11. Old Business

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

Kautza has not looked into this lately.

- **Continued Discussion on 2025 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated probably no more projects this year, but we will probably want to look at doing something on Pine View Road, by the bridge, next year.

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

Kautza has nothing new on this. There was discussion that the only communication we have had has been related to zoning and sanitary permits.

Kautza pointed out the Joiner property, on County Road D, where they recently took out a sanitary permit for their pole building. This leads him to believe they are going to make some kind of a dwelling (like a cabin) out of it. He shared this information with Mike Block to follow up.

12. Remarks from the Board

None.

13. Future Items

- Regular Town Board Meeting – August 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m. (Amended Date)
- Regular Town Board Meeting – September 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m. (Start Discussing 2026 Budget)
- Regular Town Board Meeting & 2026 Budget Hearing – October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Mtg
- Special Electors Meeting on 2025 Tax Levy – October 14, 2025, Immediately Following 6:00 p.m. Mtg
- Special Town Board Meeting to Adopt 2026 Budget – October 14, 2025, Immediately Following Electors Mtg

14. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully,

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