

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 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. 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
Jack Kautza, 181530 Sportsman Drive
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z
Scott Keen, 239088 Nolan Road (Town of Harrison resident)
Dave Hagenbucher, Marathon County Solid Waste Department
Chad Koehler, Waste Management
Brandon Sternot, Waste Management
Nick Achtermeier, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal
AJ Hulman, of All American Dumpster Rentals

3. Visitors

None.

4. Open, Review, and Possible Action on Proposals for 2026 Municipal Garbage and Recycling Hauler Contract

Proposals were received by Waste Management, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, and All American Dumpster Rental.

The Board reviewed each of the proposals. Some of the highlight were:

Spring clean-up events:

*Waste Management will offer 30-yard roll-off containers to be placed at Town Hall annually, for a charge of \$425.00 per haul + \$55.00 per ton. Does not indicate who will staff this.

*Harter's will offer annual roadside spring clean-ups, \$3,200 per year, includes labor and disposal, subject to CPI and/or disposal cost increases.

*All American will offer annual roadside spring clean-ups per year, for an additional \$1.37 per household, per month.

Garbage delivered to:

*All three would haul the garbage collected to Marathon County Solid Waste Department.

Other charges:

*All three do provide annual price increases, based on CPI, along with fuel surcharge rates when diesel fuel costs go above \$4.00 per gallon.

Comparable proposed charges:

Waste Management:	\$16.42 Refuse + \$12.08 Recycling = \$28.50 per household per month
Harter's Fox Valley Disposal:	\$16.20 Refuse + \$10.80 Recycling = \$27.00 per household per month
All American Dumpster Rental:	\$25.00 Refuse + \$ 6.06 Recycling = \$14.56 per household per month

Below is a further breakdown of the proposed costs:

Cost Breakdown and Comparison Worksheet											
Length (Years)	Type	Provider	Refuse	Recycling	Total Monthly Hauler Fee per Household	Monthly Hauler Fee Increase per Household	Total Annual Hauler Fee per Household	Annual Hauler Fee Increase per Household	Based on 275 Households Monthly Cost to Town	Annual Cost to Town	Annual Hauler Fee Increase To Town
5	Current - Weekly Refuse & Recycling	Waste Management	\$13.42	\$3.08	\$16.50	-	\$198.00	-	\$4,537.50	\$54,450.00	-
5	Weekly Refuse/Weekly Bi-Recycling	Waste Management	\$16.42	\$5.50	\$21.92	\$5.42	\$263.04	\$65.04	\$6,028.00	\$72,336.00	\$17,886.00
5	Weekly Refuse/Weekly Recycling	Waste Management	\$16.42	\$12.08	\$28.50	\$12.00	\$342.00	\$144.00	\$7,837.50	\$94,050.00	\$39,600.00
5	Weekly Refuse/Weekly Recycling	Harter's Fox Valley	\$16.20	\$10.80	\$27.00	\$10.50	\$324.00	\$126.00	\$7,425.00	\$89,100.00	\$34,650.00
5	Weekly Refuse/Weekly Recycling	All American Rental	\$25.00	\$6.06	\$31.06	\$14.56	\$372.72	\$174.72	\$8,541.50	\$102,498.00	\$48,048.00
5	Weekly Refuse/Weekly Recycling	All American Rental	\$25.00								
	Plus add'l Refuse Charge for Annual Spring Clean-Up		\$1.37	\$6.06	\$32.43	\$15.93	\$389.16	\$191.16	\$8,918.25	\$107,019.00	\$52,569.00

After further discussion, the Board felt the proposal submitted by Harter's would be in the best interest of the Town.

Motion by McRae, second by Marien: to enter into a 5-year contract (Jan. 1, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2030) with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal for Town of Plover Residential Garbage and Recycling Collection.

Koehler explained that they will collect carts after the last collection day of the year. Essentially, residents should leave their carts at the roadside, and they will come around and pick those up.

Achtermeier explained that they will start delivering carts during the last couple weeks of the year. Achtermeier will follow up with Parker on the contract to be signed.

Parker stated she would share out copies of the submitted proposals to each of the haulers.

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

None.

6. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• May 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Marien commented that at the bottom of the minutes, Parker had noted our next meeting date as June 9th, not June 10th.

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025, with the correction as noted.

7. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

8. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget

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

9. Clerk's Report

Parker stated that she does not have anything to report on at this time.

10. Road Report

Kautza stated that Larson had done some brush clearing. Mowing of ditches should be happening soon.

Kautza stated that he drove some of our granite roads (such as Helf, Grainery, Clay, Pine View), and how things are looking pretty good, as far as the grading work that Dave Schwarm has been doing. He did say that Clay Road could use a little more grading.

There was some discussion on the pothole patches that K&D has been doing for the Town, and that they will continue as needed.

Kautza stated the beaver issue on Hatchery Road is currently okay, but we will need to watch it to see if it gets worse.

It was discussed that our “No Truck” signs need new posts, as the current posts are not strong enough. Kautza pointed out that we will also need to replace the “Stop Ahead” sign post on Eau Claire River Road, by County Road Y.

Kautza stated the mattresses are still in the ditch, on Pine View Road. Parker will set up an account with Marathon County Solid Waste Department, so that whoever delivers them to the landfill can just charge the amount, along with anything else going forward.

11. New Business

None.

12. Old Business

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

Kautza introduced Scott Keen, who was sitting in the audience. He stated that Keen is interested in the position, and that following tonight’s meeting, the Board will sit down with him to go over things.

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

Kautza stated he has not had time to look into this.

- **Continued Discussion on 2025 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated that American Asphalt may be starting the pavement project soon.

Kautza stated there is a little more patching that K&D can do on Old Lake Road yet.

There was some discussion on the pit on Eau Claire River Road, as far as if it will become active again.

Kautza stated that next year, we will need to look into digging out Pine View Road, by the bridge and repaving that.

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

McRae has not heard anything from the County. Kautza stated he may reach out to them, as he has a neighbor who is starting to accumulate junk vehicles.

13. Remarks from the Board

None.

14. Future Items

- Regular Town Board Meeting – July 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. (Amended Date)
- 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)

15. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully,

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