

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Public Hearing on Proposed 2025 Budget Meeting
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414**

Tuesday, October 14, 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

Sharon Pribbernow, 185037 Village Road
Jason Krahn, 185037 Village Road
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z
Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z
Gary Thomas, 176801 Sportsman Drive

3. Visitors

None.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• September 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the meeting minutes from September 5, 2025.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures. Parker explained that we will need to move about \$28,000 from either our Savings Account or Money Market Account, until we receive our Shared Revenue payment, which will be on November 11th. The Board agreed for Parker to transfer the funds from the Savings.

7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker stated that she finished up getting the property addresses/cart counts put together, and sent that to Harter's. She stated it appears we have 310 sets of carts in our Town. She stated that this count is what she used to calculate the funds needed in 2026.

Parker stated that she did submit the Recycling Grant to the State at the end of September.

Parker stated that pretty soon, she and Sippl will be working along with the County to get our tax bills processed. She also will be working on the Recycling news piece that gets mailed with the tax bills.

9. Road Report

Kautza stated that Thomas had hauled 3 loads of granite on Sportsman Drive and that he did some grading there too. Parker asked Thomas if he could mail his invoice directly to her for payment. Kautza stated that Sportsman Drive will need new granite, which he is looking at for 2026.

Kautza stated that Block has been busy with inspections and that he is going to see if he can get Schwarm to come out and grade some of our roads. Kautza stated that if Schwarm is unable to, he believes Schwarm has the contact to someone else who can.

Kautza stated that Craig from McCoy is supposed to come out sometime to train Block on the Grader.

10. New Business

- **Discussion and Action on WisVote/Election Services Memorandum of Understanding – Marathon County**
Parker stated this is just our standard agreement with the County for election assistance. Kautza stated that if we don't sign this, he believes the County would end up taking over our election.

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the WisVote/Election Services Memorandum of Understanding – Marathon County.

- **Discussion and Action on Change to 2026 Dog License Fees**
Parker stated that currently, the Town charges \$15.00 for non-spayed/neutered dogs and \$10.00 for spayed/neutered dogs. The County currently charges \$10.00 for non-spayed/neutered dogs and \$5.00 for spayed/neutered dogs. Of the amount the County charges, the Town receives back \$0.50 for each license issued.

Now the County is proposing to increase the cost of dog tags to \$20.00 non-spayed/neutered dogs and \$12.00 for spayed/neutered dogs. With the, the Town should consider increasing their fee.

Parker stated whatever the Town decides to increase the fees to, we will need to then add to the following meeting's schedule a Resolution to amend the Town's Schedule of Fees (which should be done in November or December to be effective January 1st).

McRae suggested we increase the fees to \$25.00 for the non-spayed/neutered dogs and only increasing the spayed/neutered dog tags to \$12.00, to incentivize people to have their dogs fixed. He pointed out how people who are not getting their pets fixed are generally doing that for breeding reasons, where they make money on that already.

A question was raised to Sippl on the number of dog tags generally issued and how many of those are for dogs that are spayed/neutered. After some discussion, it was decided to table this topic until November, where Sippl could report back on this.

- **Discussion and Action on Purchase of New Computer for Town Treasurer**
Parker brought up that Sippl is in need of a new Town laptop computer. It was discussed that her current one is about 10 years old and is not running fast enough.

Parker stated her Town laptop, the Town paid for in 2021, is a Lenovo that she purchased at Best Buy, and back then bought it at a discounted rate of \$735. The Board agreed that Sippl does need a reliable computer, especially for tax time.

The Town Board agreed to allow Sippl to purchase a laptop up to \$1,000.

- **Discussion on Staging Area for Carts Delivered by Cart Manufacturer, Later Distributed to Residents by Harter's in December, Along with Discussion on WM Cart Collection**
Parker stated that the cart manufacturer will need a location in our Town to drop off carts, and how Harter's is asking if those can be dropped off at our Town Hall. Following this drop off, sometime in December, Harter's will then come and pick those up and start delivering those to the Town properties. The Board was fine with Harter's dropping those off here, at our Town Hall.

Parker stated that she asked Waste Management about when they will be collecting carts. She was told that they will be collecting any carts set out on Saturday, December 27th (our last 2025 collection day with them). Parker stated she asked Waste Management how they will handle any missed cart collections, and Waste Management had suggested to her that residents could drop them off at the Town Hall, and then they would come back at a later date to collect those. She stated how residents would have the option to bring their carts directly to Waste Management, in Weston. The Town Board was fine with people bringing their carts here, for Waste Management to collect later, if they get missed.

Parker brought up the snowbird residents who will be leaving soon. Kautza stated those residents could bring their carts here now.

Parker stated that she will send an update out to everyone, via email and social media (she will also post notices on the bulletin boards).

11. Old Business

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

Kautza will have Block look into this.

- **Continued Discussion on 2025/2026 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated for 2026, we will be looking at new granite on Sportsman Drive, fixing the pavement section by the bridge on Pine View Road, and some sealcoating on other roads.

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

Nothing new to report.

12. Public Hearing – Proposed 2026 Town of Plover Budget

- **Open Public Hearing**

Kautza opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

- **Presentation by Board**

Kautza pointed out our Total Tax Levy will be going down a little bit to reflect the Town Hall loan that was paid off last year.

Parker explained the process the Town could take if it needed to exceed the allowable Total Tax Levy, if we needed to for road projects; otherwise, she did not think it looked too bad. If we needed to go through that process, we would have to postpone approval and adoption of the 2026 budget and 2025 tax levy until next month.

Kautza agreed the budget numbers looked good.

- **Public Comment Period**

No comments from the public.

- **Close Public Hearing**

Kautza closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

- **Review and Discussion of Proposed Budget**

No further discussion was made.

- **Action by Town Board**

Motion by McRae, second by Marien: to approved the proposed 2026 Town of Plover Budget.

13. Remarks from the Board

None.

14. Future Items

- 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
- Regular Town Board Meeting – November 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully,

Valerie Parker

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