

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

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 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

3. Visitors

Mike Block, Town Road Maintenance Employee
Matt Szews, 184001 Pine View Road
Ron Krueger, 177595 Red Granite Road
Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z
Leo Meverden, 238136 North Pole Road
Gary Thomas, 176801 Sportsman Drive
Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road

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

Krueger brought up his road maintenance concerns (as far as winter plowing, road grading, right-of-way mowing). Thomas agreed with Krueger's concerns.

Krueger also pointed out at the end of Red Granite Road there is a culvert that is failing and could cause a collapse. Kautza stated he would look into this.

Larson commented that essentially there needs to be more oversight and guidance from the Board for Block. He pointed out how the past two employees had the benefit of being trained, where Block did not. Larson stated that he could meet with Block and do some training with him. He also commented that the Board needs to contact Craig Schwocho, at John Deere, and get after him to come out and offer training, as they said they would.

Meverden commented that he appreciated the storm damage area, on Pine View Road is starting to get cleaned up.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• June 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2026.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

Parker stated that when we receive the next billing from Scott's and the billing from American Asphalt, that we will need to pull funds from our Money Market account.

7. Review and Action on 2026 Monthly Budget

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

8. Clerk's Report

Nothing of significance to report, other than getting ready for election.

9. Road Report

Block stated he is working on mowing the rights-of-way.

10. New Business

- **Town Board Response to Draft County Ordinance Amendments on:**
 - **Large Electric Energy Facilities**
 - **Interim Data Center Moratorium**
 - **Battery Energy Storage Systems**

It was agreed that at this time, the Town has no comments or feedback to share.

- **Discussion and/or Action on Draft 2027 – 2031 Assessor Contract Request for Proposals to be Sent Out**
Parker stated that she has been struggling with how to write the sample proposal for assessors to follow when submitting theirs. She stated that she will probably just put something more generic together.

11. Old Business

- **Continued Discussion on 2026 Road Projects**

Kautza stated that American has not opened up their plant yet, so is not sure when they will have their hot mix ready. He stated Hatchery Road will be chipsealed soon. He stated we will work on getting more granite on Hatchery Road and have it properly graded before the paving begins.

There was discussion about Sportsman Drive and Clay Road, and how we need a lot of loads of granite added, along with more frequent grading. There was discussion on whether we should advertise this work out for bid or just seek proposals from Leo Meverden and Jack Kautza. It was stated we are trying to share the work with both businesses. The proposals should include the options of the Town hauling the granite and the contractor hauling the granite.

- **Discussion and/or Action on Snowmobile Crossing Issue on Hatchery Road**
Nothing new.
- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning (Action Due by January 27, 2027)**
Szews confirmed that he would be interested in working with the Town on taking care of issuing building permits and performing inspections (with the exception of new home construction, which is taken care of by Block). McRae can assist in providing guidance to Szews on some of that stuff.

It was discussed that we could simply revert back to our old Zoning Code, and how we could also use our old Comprehensive Plan. We would then need to put together a Plan Commission. Parker stated that we would also need to put together a Zoning Board of Appeals, who is the body that a resident would go to if they did not agree with a determination made by the Plan Commission. (Clerk's Note: ZBA is the body who also reviews Zoning Code Variance requests, not Plan Commission).

Kautza stated that we can discuss this further at our next meeting.

12. Remarks from the Board

McRae pointed out the vehicle accident on Sunday night, out on County Road N, where the vehicle landed on the Town of Plover's side. Parker will look into this.

13. Future Items

- Partisan Primary Election – Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m. (Amended Date)
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2026 (Start discussing 2027 budget)
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 6:00pm (Budget Meeting/Hearings/etc.)

14. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully,

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