

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Immediately Following Town Caucus Meeting

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

3. Visitors

None.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• February 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

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

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

Marien brought up the ARPA Project and Expenditure Report webinar that is coming up. This is presented by WI Towns Association (happening March 13th @ 1pm). Parker stated she is planning to take part in that webinar, but is under the impression that the Town has fulfilled its reporting obligations.

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 she has a couple of quarterly payroll/employment reports to file by the end of this month. She stated that April 15th will be the Town's Annual Electors Meeting, followed by the regular Town Board Meeting. She will be preparing the 2024 Statement of Financial Condition for the Annual Electors Meeting. Parker stated she will be filing the Town's 2024 Recycling Report, and will be working on the Town's 2024 Municipal Financial Report, which get's filed to the State.

Parker pointed out that she emailed to the Town Board the full Budget in detail along with the year-to-date expenditures and revenues..

Parker stated she is preparing for the April 1st Spring Election.

9. Road Report

Kautza stated that Pranke has the chipper set up and ready to be used. Don Dahms, of Antigo Arborists Tree Service, will be working with Pranke on right-of-way tree clearing along South Pole Road. He commented that he may have a discussion with Schoepke's, regarding the large pines along the ditchline on South Pole Road.

There was discussion on the snow plowing and sanding efforts during the past snow fall.

Kautza brought up the recent water across the road on Hatchery Road. Larson stated that area should be ditched pretty good, and once the frost lifts it should drain.

10. New Business

- **Discussion on Drafting Bids for Road Projects**

This evening Fahrner Asphalt submitted two estimates to the Town for chip sealing Village Road, Eau Claire River Road, and Crescent Drive. One estimate is to complete all three and one estimate breaks them out individually. It was discussed this should also be put out for bids, as the provided estimates are above the \$25,000 threshold.

There was discussion that we will be putting together bids for patching the repaired areas on Sportsman Drive and Hatchery Road. We will add in a bid for digging up and patching the last soft area on Hatchery Road.

At our April meeting, we will draft the bid language for the projects with the plan of opening bids at our May meeting. Larson suggested adding in a pre-bid meeting with contractors.

There was discussion on the different preparation alternatives that the Town could take care of in advance of construction taking place. Kautza stated he and Pranke will get these all measured up.

11. Old Business

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

Discussed under New Business.

- **Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Municipal 2026 Garbage and Recycling Hauler Contract**

Parker stated that All American has confirmed that if the Town were to put this out for bid, that they would be interested in bidding.

Parker stated she briefly spoke to Chad Koehler, of WM, regarding the possibility of renewing the contract. She stated he was leaving for vacation, and was going to follow up when he returned. She stated that he explained to her that most haulers are going away from the curbside spring clean-up services, as most do this with rear-load trucks and how most haulers are going to top load and side load trucks. He also explained to her that most haulers are pushing for drop-off events, where large containers are placed at the Town Hall for residents to drop materials off.

Parker stated she is paying close attention to what the Village of Weston is doing for their next contract, and how this will be discussed at the next Village meeting on Monday, March 17th. While the Village of Weston and Town of Plover are not comparable (in size or population), she feels this could help give us an idea of which way may be best for us.

Kautza stated that we will still push for the curbside spring clean up. He stated we may still be looking at price increases whether we renew or put out for bid, and how he is leaning more towards putting this out for bid.

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

Kautza stated he had some conversation with Cody Weden and the County Zoning Department. The County Zoning Department had contacted Weden regarding the shipping containers on his property. Since the containers are not being stored there temporarily, the County is requiring him to have permits for each of the containers, and how each permit is \$150.00. Parker stated she is the one who contacted the County, primarily due to what some of our other residents had to go through, and how all properties should be treated the same. Kautza stated Weden is using the containers for his maple syrup operations, and that his intentions are to move those further into the woods at some point.

12. Remarks from Board

Marien stated that he will be gone during the July and August Town Board meeting weeks, and asked if we could move those meetings to different weeks. After some discussion, it was decided that Parker will add discussion about this onto the next agenda.

13. Future Items

- Spring Election – April 1, 2025, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Annual Town Board Meeting – April 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – April 15, 2025, Following the Annual Town Meeting
- 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.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully,

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