

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

Tuesday, September 9, 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

Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

3. Visitors

None.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• August 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

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

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget

Parker stated we received our August Settlement from the County.

Kautza stated we should still be receiving an invoice from Scott's Construction, as they just finished up their work this past week.

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker stated she sent out a letter to over 500 households on the new garbage/recycling service. She stated that she does have a backlog of phone calls and messages to return, but she will get through them, in case the Board gets any calls.

Parker stated that she will be submitted our 2026 Recycling grant before the end of the month.

9. Road Report

Kautza stated that Scott's Construction completed their work last week. He stated that Craig, from McCoy/John Deere will be meeting with Mike Block to train on the grader. Otherwise, Block has been working on brushing. Kautza stated that Block cleared out some culverts with the backhoe. Kautza stated that Block installed a keyless door lock on the shop door.

Kautza stated that he spoke with Art Hoppe, who stated he would be willing to assist the Town with any grading work, if needed.

10. New Business

• Discussion and Action on Marathon County Solid Waste Department Agreement for Special Tipping Rate

Parker stated this pretty much goes hand-in-hand with our contract with Harter's. This essentially is agreeing that all of our solid waste collected by Harter's will only go to Marathon County Solid Waste Department (a.k.a. Ringle Landfill).

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the Special Tipping Rate Agreement with Marathon County Solid Waste Department.

- **Discussion and Action on Marathon County Solid Waste Department Cooperative Recycling Agreement**
Parker stated that by signing this agreement, we are then eligible for bonus grant monies, as part of our 2026 Recycling Grant. We are essentially stating that we will provide educational materials to our residents, and in return Marathon County Solid Waste Department will also provide educational assistance, when needed.

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Marathon County Solid Waste Department.

- **Discussion on 2026 Town Budget and Scheduling of Budget Hearing and Special Electors Meeting**
Parker stated that she wanted to provide a fully laid out draft 2026 Budget; however, she realized when working on it that she will not have the Shared Revenue or Transportation Aid fund numbers until later this month. What she presented to the Board tonight, only reflects numbers that she is aware of now. Once she receives those documents, she will fill the rest of the numbers in and e-mail out to the Board for their review and comment ahead of the October meetings.

Parker commented that our Tractor loan will be paid off by November 2026.

Parker asked the Board to take action on the budget public meeting, special electors meeting, and budget adoption meeting dates and times. A preference is to hold these meetings in October to provide enough time, in case we need to re-hold them again.

Parker stated the typical order is to hold a regular Town Board Meeting and Budget Hearing first. Then we hold the Special Electors Meeting to approve the Tax Levy. Followed by holding a Special Town Board Meeting to adopt the budget. Some municipalities spread the meetings out over time, but a lot of Town's typically hold all three the same night.

Motion by Mcrae, second by Marien, to schedule the Town Board 2026 Budget Hearing, Special Electors Meeting on the 2026 Tax Levy, and Special Town Board Meeting to Adopt the 2026 Budget, on Tuesday, October 14th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

11. Old Business

- **Discussion and Action on the Purchase and Installation of an Emergency Generator for the Town Hall**
Kautza stated that he is having Block look into a generator for the Hall.
- **Continued Discussion on 2025/2026 Roadway Projects**
Kautza stated he met with Chase, from Scott's Construction, to look at some of our roads. It was determined that next year, the following roads can just be seal coated:
 - North Pole Road
 - Hatchery Road
 - South Pole Road
 - Crescent Drive

Kautza stated that Pine View Road will need to be dug out and repaved by the bridge.

Parker brought up the pothole at the end of Pine View Road at County Road Y. Kautza stated he believes Block filled that in with granite for now (or it may have been Larry Vlietstra).

- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning (Per WI Act 264 – Process Can't Start Until 2027)**
Kautza stated we may be able to start discussing this in 2026.

12. Remarks from the Board

Sippl brought up the increase in Dog Licensing fees from the County. Parker will add this to the next agenda, about the Town possibly increasing its fees. We can discuss it and decide what fees we want and then make an official change to the Town's Schedule of Fees at our November meeting.

Parker pointed out the letter she drafted for Kautza to sign, which is a letter to Chad Koehler, of Waste Management, simply thanking them for their business, but to acknowledge that our contract ends on December 31, 2025, as we are switching to Harter's Fox Valley Disposal. She emailed the letter to Koehler tonight and copied the Board in on it.

[Clerk's note: Following the meeting, Sippl brought up her Town Laptop issues. Parker stated she can add an item on the agenda about this for next month, as far as the Town potentially purchasing a new laptop for her]

13. Future Items

- 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 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully,

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