

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

Tuesday, January 13, 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

Mike Block, 308 Country Manor Lane, Birnamwood

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z

Juanita Thomas, 178474 Sportsman Drive

Tom Sippl, 236281 North Pole Road

Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road

3. Visitors

None.

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

Juanita Thomas and Tom Sippl both voiced their concerns with the conditions of the Town roads.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2025.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

Parker brought up that she received a statement from McCoy. Kautza stated that they have recently provided the Town with a credit memo for that charge, so Parker can disregard it.

Parker also stated that she just received an invoice from Meverden Materials for material picked up back in October. She also just received an invoice from Birnamwood Fire Department for open burning at Lette and Vincent Muhs' property that they had to distinguish. She will get both of these paid right away.

7. Review and Action on 2026 Monthly Budget

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker stated all the year-end reports were filed and W-2's completed. She is preparing for the election season.

9. Road Report

Block stated he is just staying ahead of the rain and ice. Will be sanding tomorrow.

There was discussion on the recent issues with the plow truck. One was that the DEF tank had some contamination in it. Skarlupka's was able to take care of that. We are thinking it may have come from the DEF purchased at Kwik Trip the other month. Block stated the air dryer was taken care of by the mechanic at Schairer's, and how they took care of our DOT inspection.

When things slow down, Block will get back on taking care of more brushing.

Block will be receiving more grader training around the 1st week of May.

10. New Business

- **Discussion and/or Action on Snowmobile Crossing Issue on Hatchery Road**

Kautza stated how the snowmobile crossing used to cut straight across the road, but when the house went in near that location, the crossing ended up changing, causing snowmobilers to travel along the road a ways to get to the other side.

Kautza stated he has been in contact with the Snowmobile Club President and the Sheriff's Department on this, and how legally the snowmobiles are not supposed to drive down the roads. Crossings should be a straight shot across the road.

Kautza will wait to see what further discussion occurs.

- **Discussion on Leftover Waste Management Carts**

Kautza stated that it appears Waste Management (WM) is done collecting any of their carts. Anyone with WM carts can either keep them or deliver them directly to WM.

11. Old Business

- **Continued Discussion on 2026 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated that in 2026, depending on our budget, we will be looking at applying more granite on Sportsman Drive, replacing the bridge approaches on Pine View Road, applying more cold mix to Old Lake Road, seal coating Crescent Drive and Guyette Drive, blacktopping the rest of Hatchery Road.

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

No discussion.

12. Remarks from the Board

Kautza stated that the CAT dealer dropped off a backhoe for the Town to test out. He stated that Block can use it to clean up around the bridge on Pine View Road.

Marien brought up the upcoming Board of Review training. Parker referred to her WTA January magazine, and pointed out that the Stevens Point training will be held on Friday, February 27th. The virtual training will be held on March 30th and 31st. She will get Marien signed up for the Stevens Point training and McRae signed up for the virtual training. She will sign herself up for the virtual training too.

13. Future Items

- Regular Town Board Meeting – February 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
- Spring Primary Election – Tuesday, February 17, 2026
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- Annual Town Meeting of Electors – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Immediately following Annual Electors Meeting
- Open Book – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Review – Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully,

Valerie Parker
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