

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

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m. (Amended Date due to Scheduling Conflict)**

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**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  
Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road  
Greg Joiner, 230641 County Road D  
Mike Block, 308 Country Manner Lane (Village of Birnamwood)

**3. Visitors**

None.

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

Just prior to the start of the meeting, it was explained to Greg Joiner that his request for a culvert and building permits for a shed will all go through the County, not the Town.

Also, just before the meeting, there was some discussion about the storm that came through during the early morning of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Kautza mentioned that some Towns are reaching out to Marathon County Emergency Management requesting County/State assistance for impacted residents/property owners to use. Parker stated she can reach out to that Department on what we would need to do to make a request. Kautza stated we may need to schedule a special meeting on this.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**• July 1, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the meeting minutes from July 1, 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 that while our checking account (following the American Asphalt paving invoice) is in the negative (-\$58,998.40), our budget is doing well. She stated she just needs direction from the Board on whether to move the needed funds from the Savings or Money Market account, and at what amount. She stated that \$65,000 should be plenty, as we will be receiving our August settlement from the County later this month.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Parker should transfer the funds from the Savings account to the Checking account, and in the amount of \$65,000.

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

**8. Clerk's Report**

Parker pointed out the letter she received from the County requesting comments from Towns on the draft text amendment to Chapter 15 – Private Sewage Systems. The Board didn't really have any comments, other than it is just the County's way of collecting more fees to send out their mailers to make sure people were maintaining their septic systems.

Parker stated the Town will be receiving its August settlement from the County this month.

## **9. Road Report**

Larson stated that he has been in contact with the engineers on the Alamo mower, and how they think they have a fix for the problem. The parts will be coming to Weyers for the repairs, and how our warranty on the mower will get extended for another full year.

Larson stated we received 2 more sets of blades.

There was discussion on some road grading that needs to be done. Kautza stated he can reach out to Dave Schwarm to see if he can do it. Larson suggested Kautza could also check with Art Hoppe. It was discussed we will need to do some right-of-way tree brushing and chipping.

## **10. New Business**

### **• Discussion, Action, and Potential Signing of 5-Year Contract with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal**

Parker stated she had some minor revisions for the contract, but wanted to see if the Board had anything before she forwards it to Harter's. Once those are made, then the Board can sign the contract.

She stated that Harter's agreed to go with a minimum 3% CPI and maximum 5% CPI for this contract, and that we will have yearly spring clean-ups.

### **• Discussion and Possible Action on Town Road Maintenance Operator Position**

Kautza stated that Block is hear tonight to meet with the Board after the meeting to discuss this position.

## **11. Old Business**

### **• Discussion and Action on the Purchase and Installation of an Emergency Generator for the Town Hall**

Kautza commented that we will need to look at a generator, and how after that storm came through, Larson had a very difficult time getting the overhead door on the garage open. It was agreed that the Town could at least look at a smaller generator to have on hand at the Town Hall, for cases like this.

### **• Continued Discussion on 2025/2026 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated that this year, he will contact K&D about finishing the other end of Old Lake Road.

Kautza stated for 2026, he is going to reach out to Scott's to get an idea of what it would cost to have seal coating done on South Pole Road and North Pole Road. He stated that the area of Hatchery Road (by Cecil Johnson's) will need to be dug up and new blacktop. He stated that Pine View Road, by the bridge, will need to be dug up and new blacktop too.

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

None.

## **12. Remarks from the Board**

Marien stated that someone made a \$15,000 donation to the Birnamwood Emergency Services for a new device that acts like an inflatable hover craft, where it inflates to raise the patient and slides to move them.

Marien stated that the Town's EMS funding fee will be going up, about \$1,000 next year. He also stated that the new ambulance should be arriving this fall, if not sooner.

Parker asked if she can send a letter out to all the Town property owners informing them about the upcoming new services with Harter's. She feels that it would be helpful for those who are only here seasonally (who may not be around when the exchange occurs), but to also request residents contact her directly to share their address and if they have carts so that we can build a cart count/location list. The Board agreed this could be done.

## **13. Future Items**

- Regular Town Board Meeting – September 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m. (Start Discussing 2026 Budget)
- 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 6:32 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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