

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

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

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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

Sharon Pribbernow, 185037 Village Road  
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z  
Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z  
Chris Crawford, 234905 Clay Road

**3. Visitors**

• **Chris Crawford – Request for “Slow Down, Children at Play” Sign – Sportsman Drive**

Crawford stated that years ago, there used to be “Slow Children” signs on Sportsman Drive, and for whatever reason they had been taken down. He stated that he and his family like to take walks along Sportsman Drive, and how his children will be riding their bicycles. He stated how because of the way the downhill slope of the road, vehicles and/or pedestrians can’t really see if something is coming.

Kautza stated that he believes previous Chairman, Dale Seymour, had them all removed, due to being told these signs can create a liability for the Town. He also stated that the issue is if we put a sign up for one person, then pretty soon, everyone wants a sign.

It was suggested that we could look into this further (such as checking with our Insurance Company and the WI Town’s Association) and add this topic to the next Board agenda for further discussion. It was also brought up about adding an intersection sign or school bus signs.

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

None.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- **October 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting & Budget Hearing**
- **October 14, 2025, Special Town Board Meeting to Adopt the 2026 Budget**

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the two meeting minutes from October 14, 2025.***

**6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures**

Parker noted that she must have misread the date that we were to receive our Shared Revenue payment (of \$62,941.56). She thought it was being deposited today, but it will actually be deposited on November 17<sup>th</sup>. With this, she will need to temporarily transfer about \$45,000 from one of our other accounts, to cover today’s expenditures, and once we receive the Shared Revenue payment, she will move \$45,000 back into the account it came from. The Board was fine with that.

**7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget**

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

**8. Clerk’s Report**

Parker brought up the County-wide recycling contest that is going on this month, that she has shared out on social media and to all her Town contacts, and asked the Board to do the same. She brought up an educational workshop coming up from the County, however, most of what they are covering will not pertain to our Town. She

commented on the Request for Comments notice received by the County for the POWTS special charge that will be placed on tax bills (on all properties in our County that are served by a private septic system) by the County. She also commented that she will be working with Sippl to get a subscription of McAfee antivirus software on her Town computer (Parker currently has a subscription for her Town computer, and is figuring she can add another user to cover Sippl's computer).

## **9. Road Report**

Kautza stated that Block informed him that the beaver situation seems to be taken care of (either the beaver gave up, or someone may have trapped it). Block engineered a blower mounted on a chute on the brush chipper so that he can use it to blow leaves off of Doolittle Road. If we get some rain this weekend, Block will do some grading. Kautza stated that Block seems to be very happy with this position.

Sippl pointed out that there are a few signs on North Pole Road that need to be straightened out. She also asked if Block has done any spraying for flies in the building, as they have been pretty bad. Larson stated that Block has sprayed once already.

Kautza stated that the salt shed is full. Once Block is done grading, he will work on installing the wing on the plow. As time goes on, Block will continue with ditch brushing and right-of-way clean-up.

## **10. New Business**

- **Discussion and Action on Change to 2026 Dog License Fees (Fee Schedule to be Revised in December)**

Sippl stated that the County is raising their fees from \$5 and \$10 to \$12 and \$20. She contacted other Treasurers in the area and how most are going to charge the same as the County and not go above that amount. She also agrees we should only raise to what the County is charging.

After some discussion, the Board agreed. Parker will add an amendment to the Town's Fee Schedule on the December agenda. This will change the dog license fees to reflect:

Spayed/Neutered – from \$10.00 to \$12.00

Not Spayed / Not Neutered – from \$15.00 to \$20.00

## **11. Old Business**

- **Continued Discussion and Action on the Purchase and Installation of an Emergency Generator for the Town Hall**

Kautza stated that we received an estimate from Szews Electric (Matt Szews) to purchase and install a 14kw Generac generator (Model #7323 Next Gen Model), wit 200 amps, and an automatic transfer switch, for the amount of \$9,532.00. Kautza stated that Szews has already ordered the generator (whether we would approve or not), as there was an option for a 10-year warranty (versus a 5-year warranty) if purchased before 11/05/2025. If for some reason we did not approve this, then Szews would just send it back.

It was stated this would run off of LP, and would be located outside along the back (west) side of the building. It was also discussed that we may be eligible to receive some rebates for this, since it is used for municipal emergency purposes. After some discussion, it was agreed to accept this proposal.

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the purchase and installation, by Szews Electric, of Generac Generator, for the Town Hall.***

- **Continued Discussion on 2025/2026 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated nothing new, other than what has previously been discussed for next year.

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Marien stated the Ambulance has been delivered. They are still setting a few things up on it yet.

Marien then brought up the situation with the recent sudden passing of the Fire/EMS Departments Clerk, Laurie Klumpyan, having to do with the Department trying to get access to the bookkeeping that she had, which was all done on her personal computer, and how they are unable to locate her passwords, so that they can continue with the financials. Marien pointed out that both Sippl and Parker have Town-issued computers and asked if they had

all their passwords and pins written down, so that if something happened to them, the data can still be accessed. He felt they should have something with that information kept at the Town Hall.

Parker stated the only issue she sees, is if someone broke into the Town Hall, they could access that information. Both Sippl and Parker confirmed they have their passwords written down already, and those would be easy enough to access in an emergency situation.

### **13. Future Items**

- Regular Town Board Meeting – December 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

### **14. Adjourn**

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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