

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

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 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 6:17 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**3. Roll Call – Town Supervisor, Pete Marien, and Town Supervisor, Scott McRae**

Parker noted Marien and McRae were present.

Also, in attendance: Treasurer, Connie Sippl, and Clerk, Valerie Parker.

**4. Visitors**

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z  
Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road  
Roy Kuschel, 184878 County Road Z  
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

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

None.

**6. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**• March 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

*Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting.*

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

**8. Review and Action on 2024 Monthly Budget**

Parker pointed out the Town did receive it's annual Lottery Credit payment from the County yesterday, and it is not reflected in this month's budget.

Parker commented she reached out to CoVantage to confirm how many loan payments are left on tractor loan. It was confirmed that following today's payment, the Town would have 38 payments left.

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

**9. Clerk's Report**

Parker explained she found out today from the WI Town's Association, that her appointment (Clerk's Appointment), needs to be formally re-appointed by the Town Board every 3 years. She will include on the May agenda this reappointment.

Parker explained the reports that she needs to complete by the end of this month.

**10. Road Report**

Larson stated he is continuing with grading, brushing, and general road maintenance. He is waiting to hear back from the asphalt company on when they will be opening their plant so that he can get a load of cold mix to patch roads, before we do any seal coating. Larson stated he removed the snow plow equipment.

Larson brought up the request received by the DNR to mow and grade their public access driveway on North Pole Road. However, after doing some measurements, it was discovered our equipment would be too big to get in there. The DNR will need to hire someone else to perform that work. Larson stated it appears they did find someone.

## 11. New Business

- **2024 Roadway Projects**

Kautza pointed out the Town awarded Thomas Excavating the Hatchery Road Project. He pointed out that he covered some of the other planned road projects during the Annual Meeting tonight.

## 12. Old Business

- **Discussion on Community Sharps Drop-Off**

Parker explained that she sent a follow-up e-mail message to her contacts about getting this discussion going. She said she did receive a response from the Sheriff's Department that while they would not have any public funding, how the County Health Department might.

Marien and Sippl, and several audience members expressed their concern and non-support of such a program, bringing up one of the concerns being the liability on the Town, and how people who use sharps for medical reasons do have access to sharps drop-off locations.

Parker stated she had not received any kind of response from our insurance agent on this.

Kautza stated we can leave this on the agenda for now.

- **Status of American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds**

Parker stated she was finally given access again into the system, and will get this report completed.

- **Status of Filed Petition to Marathon County to Allow for Storage Pods on Residential Property**

Parker stated at the previous County meeting, they ended up tabling the issue again, due to a few other municipalities planning to submit their comments yet. The next meeting is set for April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.

Marien feels the County is just going to keep postponing the action on this.

- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning**

Kautza commented on his concerns with the cabins, off of County Road Z, where the ponds are, and how those really should be inspected when being built, but also how the County does not have designated fire address numbers for those. There was discussion about the people permanently living out of their shed (barndominium) and how places like these need to be properly assessed.

Kautza stated when our agreement ends next year, with the County, we will have further discussion with them on this.

## 13. Remarks from Board

There was discussion on our upcoming Board of Review Meeting to Adjourn to a Later Date. Parker stated she will have that one start at 5:55 p.m., with the regular May meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.

## 14. Future Items

- Board of Review Meeting to Adjourn to a Later Date – Tuesday, May 14, 2024, ~~6:00~~ 5:55 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

## 15. Adjourn

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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