

**Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin  
Regular Meeting of the Town Board  
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza**

Kautza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Parker noted both Marien and McRae were present.

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

Also present, to possibly speak under Public Comments, were:

Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road

Roy Kuschel, 184879 County Road Z

Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

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

None.

**4. Visitors**

None.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- **March 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

*Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the March 8, 2022, minutes.*

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

The Board went through the expenditures.

**7. Review and Action on 2022 Monthly Budget**

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

**8. Clerk's Report**

Parker requested acknowledgement from the Board for her to spread the rest of her 2022 payments out on a monthly basis, versus quarterly. The Board was fine with that.

Parker pointed out a dust control quote that she received in the mail from Wisconsin Salt Solutions. Kautza stated that was just a solicitation and can be discarded.

Parker explained that she was contacted by Frontier, who was inquiring about the approval on the excavation permit they requested, and how she explained to that person the Town would not issue a blanket permit for them to excavate anywhere in the Town, that it had to be on a case-by-case basis. The person she talked to said she would submit a specific location-based application (for a location on Village Road), but that she has not received that permit application yet.

Parker pointed out there are just two more payments left on the Freightliner loan, and asked the Board if she could just pay it off next month. The Board was in agreement, plus it would save the Town some interest.

Parker brought up the ARPA funds and stated she would like to wait until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May for the Town to consider moving those into a CoVantage account for reporting purposes. She then suggested to perhaps wait until we were ready to open a checking account at CoVantage (to switch from Banner Banks), at which time can also create the special savings at CoVantage for the ARPA funds. She suggested we still keep the ARPA funds

separate, as we have to be able to report what that specific amount was spent on next year. She stated if we have a large project, we could just apply the full amount on that.

## 9. Road Report

Larson reported that our Town roads are in rough condition with lots of cracks and pot holes. Kautza pointed out how the side of Hatchery seems to be dropping off and may need to have something done to it. Larson stated he could add cold mix to the bigger cracks, and how over by Markgraf's there is a crack that is about 300 feet in length. Larson explained the poor condition that Crescent Road is in.

Larson stated he can look at getting loads of granite in to add to gravel roads like Bultman Road, Doolittle Road, etc. Kautza suggested Larson talk to Art Hoppe to see if he would have time to assist Larson with some road work. Larson pointed out how Leo Meverden is trying to get away from allowing customers to load themselves with Meverden's equipment at Meverden's site, but the issue is that Meverden can't get enough people to work for him.

Kautza suggested Larson come up with a worklist of roads that need repair and gravel needs. He stated based on what the cost of granite would be, we may need to consider bidding that out.

Larson explained that condition of Old Lake Road, near County Road D, and how the culvert is humped up real bad where it may need to come out. There was discussion about the major drainage issues there and how it may help to try to coordinate with the property owner to walk that area to find out what is causing the drainage issues, or possibly contact the DNR to try to find a solution. Larson is going to look at the culvert on County Road D to see if that has anything to do with this.

Larson stated how Red Granite Road is looking pretty good.

Larson brought up the car accident that occurred on County Road Z, where the Town was invoiced for that accident and asked if it was possible to talk to the Town's Association's attorney to see if there is something that could be done to prevent the Town from being billed. Kautza explained part of the issue is the Town is part owner of the Department.

## 10. Old Business

### • **Status of LRIP Program: Sportsman Road Project and Other Possible 2022 Projects**

Kautza stated the issue is to be eligible for the grant, the project has to be engineered. He suggested when we contract for a project that the contract include the contractor have it engineered.

### • **Status of American Rescue Plan Act – Possible use of Funds**

This was discussed in the Clerk's report.

### • **Status on Comprehensive Plan Update**

Nothing new.

### • **Status on County Zoning Violation/Complaint & Shipping/Storage Container Code Revision Update**

McRae has not heard anything. He said the County is having staffing issues right now. Parker suggested this item and others of interest (like Fire billing for County Park incidents and broadband internet needs) might be good to bring up to our new County Board representative, Mike Ritter.

### • **Status of February 23, 2022, Provider Board for the Birnamwood Area Emergency Services Meeting, Regarding Planning the Funding Needs from Owning Members and Contracted Municipalities for Paying 2 On-Duty People to Staff the Ambulance 24/7.**

Marien stated nothing has been resolved yet. The next meeting will be at the end of the month. He said they are hoping to implement something by July.

### • **Continued Discussion on Potential Tractor Purchase.**

Kautza pointed out how he and Larson were starting to look at the Case 115 model. Larson stated how when talking to the representative, they have no idea if we placed an order, when it would come in.

Larson explained how the Case 115 model has received some very good reviews. Kautza pointed out how the purchase of a tractor (annual payments towards a purchase) was approved and included in the 2022 Town Budget, but how we are waiting to pay off the Freightliner and Grader loans. Kautza stated we could start looking at prices.

Larson explained how the new roller is working well with our current tractor and the status of the blades for the two mowers for the current tractor, and if we are going to purchase a new tractor, he could try to get by with what we have for now, as it would cost around \$400 for more blades.

## **11. New Business**

### **Discussion of Potential 2022 Road Maintenance Projects**

After some discussion, it was agreed that we need to put a request out for bids for crackfilling, which would include: 1/2 mile of Eau Claire River Road, from County Road Y to Elder Lane; 1 mile on Sportsman Drive, from Hatchery Road east to the Town (County) line; 7/10 mile on Hatchery Road, from Sportsman Drive to the end of the blacktop. All interested bidders need to contact and meet with either Kautza or Larson prior to bidding, and for the bids to be submitted by and opened at the May Town Board Meeting.

Kautza stated we could discuss with those bidders then the opportunity for the LRIP project on Sportsman Drive.

### **Request by County for List of 2022 Road/Ditching/Culvert Work**

Parker explained how she received an e-mail from Dave Decker, of the County, asking the Town to submit a list of any roadwork or brushing that will be done this year. Kautza stated that is not necessary to complete. The County is just concerned about their survey markers possibly being removed. Kautza stated Parker can just disregard that request as it is not required.

## **12. Remarks from Board**

Parker pointed out how no one came to meet with Assessor, Todd Anderson, today.

Parker pointed out how the August and November Town Board meetings will need to be pushed out a week, as both of those regular meeting dates fall on election dates.

## **13. Future Items**

- **Annual Meeting of the Electors – April 19, 2022, Immediately following the regular Board Meeting.**
- **Board of Review – May 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – May 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

## **14. Adjourn**

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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