

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

**Tuesday, August 16, 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:

Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z (arrived at about 6:30 p.m.)

**3. Visitors**

None.

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

None.

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**• July 12, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

Marien noted that there was a correction needed to the bid section, where some of the numbers were listed incorrectly. Parker stated she has since corrected that section.

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the July 12, 2022, regular meeting minutes, as corrected.***

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

The Board went through the expenditures.

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

Marien asked about the negative numbers in the Revenues and Expenses. Parker explained that is for expenses and monies received that were not budgeted, such as the \$13,000 fee charged by BAES and the revenues received for hall rentals, etc.

Parker noted that we still need to move the received 2022 ARPA money into the ARPA account. She pointed out we received the payment from Schairer Farms for the old John Deere tractor, and that is not included in today's budget. She also mentioned we should be receiving the August settlement from Marathon County soon, which Sippl stated usually occurs mid-August.

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

**8. Clerk's Report**

Parker stated she received today the Agreement document from Marathon County Solid Waste Department for the Annual Recycling Consolidation Grant. This gets included with the 2023 Recycling Grant application, and basically amounts to bonus grant monies we can receive.

Parker stated the Partisan Primary Election went good, and we had 150 voters, which is a pretty good turn out. She will be starting to work on the General Election, already, next month.

Parker mentioned that once Kautza and Larson are able to calculate the bills and provide names and addresses, she will bill out for the sign replacement work at North Pole Road and County Road Z, road repair work on Village Road, and road repair work on Eau Claire River Road. She brought up the e-mail she shared with the Town Board today, regarding the reference to State Statute 86.02 "Injury to Highway", where it states:

*“Any person who shall injure any highway by obstructing or diverting any creek or watercourse or sluiceway, or by dragging logs or timber thereon, or by any other act, shall be liable in treble damages, to be recovered by the political division chargeable with the maintenance of highway injured, and the amount recovered shall be credited to the highway maintenance fund.”*

Larson pointed out that we can legally charge triple the costs, and that we could tell those how we have that capability, but we will only charge actual costs. He stated that he and Larson will get together to figure this out and will let Parker know. It was also brought up that once we bill these out, if not paid, we can add to the property taxes, since these are properties within the Town of Plover.

## **9. Road Report**

Larson stated he has been mowing, and should be finishing up tomorrow (08/17/22). Larsen then plans to sharpen up the blades for the mower and Berti, and then will get set up to start brushing. He pointed out how the new mower is working great, but that he may need to have someone come behind him to clean up the road, as the way this one cuts, it does shoot material back towards the tractor and road. He stated that Weyers should be mailing Parker a spare key for the tractor, and how Weyers sent off the warranty paperwork for the new tractor. He mentioned that there is a green light that has the letters “KW+”. This light comes on periodically. He has contacted Weyers to try to figure out what the light indicates, as it is not noted in the manual. Apparently, Weyers is not sure what it stands for either and are looking into it. However, they feel it is nothing to be concerned about (being a green light, versus yellow or red).

Larson stated he picked up the fabric for the Meverden project on Sportsman Road, which Leo Meverden anticipates completing in September.

Larson plans to do more grading once we get more rain.

Larson pointed out he attended the 07/27/22 BAES meeting on behalf of the Town (since neither Marien or Kautza were able to). He stated, per the request of one of the area members, they are going back through all of their fire and EMS calls for the past two years to get a better understanding of the individual calls that have occurred, versus the billings, to make sure that the member municipalities are paying a fair share. He stated that they discussed recruitment issues that they have seen and are anticipating.

## **10. Old Business**

### **• Update on Sale of John Deere Tractor and Purchase of Case Tractor**

Kautza confirmed that Cory Schairer picked up the John Deere tractor today and that all went well with that. He brought up how this sale to Schairer for \$40,000 was a good deal, considering Weyers was only going to give the Town \$20,000.

### **• Status of Crack Filling Project by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers**

Kautza stated Fahrner is now planning to do the crackfilling project in September. He stated how Fahrner ended up being awarded more projects than anticipated, so are a little behind schedule.

### **• Repairs for Road Damage on Eau Claire River Road, East of County Road Y**

Kautza stated the work that was done here turned out good. There was a lot of material left over (about 100 yards), which is piled here on the Town Hall property. Fahrner is unable to take that back as it is considered “contaminated”, as it may contain some grass particles, etc. Larson has been able to use it where he is putting down cold patching, which seems to help.

Kautza stated once Fahrner gets us a bill for this work (end of the month) he will get Parker the information needed so that we can work towards recouping our costs.

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

Kautza confirmed that we still need to track where all these costs are being used, and we can use some of this to offset the BAES special charges.

## **11. New Business**

### **• Discuss Planned Dates and Times for October/November Meetings, as they relate to:**

- Town Budget hearing for 2023 Town Budget (October or November)**
- Special Meeting of Electors on the 2022 Tax Levy (October or November)**
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting**
- November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election**
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting**

Parker stated considering the fact that she will be busy with the November General Election, that it may be better to plan the budget hearing and special meeting of electors to be held in October, but she will have a better gauge on that closer to the September meeting. The Board was fine tentatively scheduling that for October.

Parker reminded that the November meeting will be pushed out one week, due to the General Election.

## 12. Remarks from Board

Sippl brought up that the Cub Scouts has asked if they could use the Town Hall for a meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board was fine letting them use the hall for free for that meeting, since they are a not-for-profit. Sippl stated she still collects the deposit.

McRae stated the County CPZ Department was able to get in contact with the Highway 52 residents. They are working on the sanitary permits and then will get the other zoning issues/permits taken care of.

McRae stated a property on County Road N (with the shipping container issue) where the owner constructed a 24' x 24' deck leading up to their pool, without a zoning permit, and how County CPZ is in contacts with that person.

McRae stated the County CPZ will be working with the property on County Road N (with the junk piles in the right-of-way) on the non-licensed vehicles stored outside their property. Parker brought up how the piles were removed from the right-of-way, by being pulled back further into the property.

McRae commented how County CPZ will continue to have him act as Deputy Zoning for the rest of this year, and then is requesting that next year the Town changes up its tax letter information to state the County handles all zoning permits/requests/inquiries. He stated how they have agreed to pay him for his past service, and how he is going back (to 2019) through his contacts to create a list for reimbursement.

There was discussion on the Corozalla property on County Road D, and how that property is being watched for potential violations.

## 13. Future Items

- **Regular Board Meeting – September 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (Start Discussing 2023 Budget)**

## 14. Adjourn

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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