

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

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. 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 was excused.

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

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z

Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road

Stuart Hanson, of Hanson Sanitation

4. Visitors

• Stuart Hanson, Hanson Sanitation, to Discuss Hauling Sand from Rastl Pit During Road Weight Limit Season, Followed by Discussion and Possible Action by Town Board

Hanson stated he is asking for permission to haul sand out of the Rastl Pit, on Doolittle Road, during Road Weight Limit Season. He stated it would be 5 – 7 loads a week and going straight from the Rastl Pit directly to County Road N (where there are no weight limits).

Larson commented that he is worried we would be setting a precedence, as we have told other haulers (Kautza and Meverden) that they cannot haul during weight limit season, where now we are giving permission here. Larson is also concerned that this road is not designed for this. He mentioned that in the past, the Town has denied Kautza and Meverden to run their trucks during road weight limit season, with the exception of if they needed to haul equipment for repair, where we allowed them to run early in the morning.

Hanson stated they would be hauling bedding sand for farmers. He stated he would take care of damages to the road. He stated he does not need an answer tonight. Kautza stated we can see what happens over the next week or so, as we may not end up with a lot of frost, and how for now we can table this discussion. Kautza will get back in touch with Hanson in the next week or two. Marien stated he is not in support of lifting the weight limits for Hanson. McRae stated that if any calls come in, they will be directed to Kautza.

Larson stated if we allow Hanson to run his truck there, we will need to repost that section of road. He mentioned how other haulers will see this. Kautza stated he will talk to Schairer's, Kautza, Meverden, etc.

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

None.

6. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• January 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting.

7. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board went through the expenditures.

Marien commented that he is surprised we have not heard from Rural Mutual wanting to come and talk with us.

Marien questioned how long we will leave funds in Banner Banks. Parker stated she wanted to leave funds there long enough just in case she missed informing a vendor of the change. She said probably through the end of this year.

8. Review and Action on 2023 Monthly Budget

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

9. Clerk's Report

Parker stated she is getting reading for the election coming up next week. She mentioned the annual CT Report is open on the WI Dept of Revenue's site for her to start completing.

10. Road Report

Larson stated he has received extra sand, and plans to put down a lot of sand tomorrow on roads. He stated the "Stop Ahead" sign on North Pole Road had rotted out, so he replaced it. He added that he has been doing brushing along Sportsman Road, all the way to Aniwa Townline. His goal then is to first brush out the bad spots along roads, and then come back through and finish brushing along each road.

Larson commented he contacted the Marathon County Sheriff's Department about all the internet signs in the right-of-way. He was told that those signs are illegally placed, and how the Sheriff's have been receiving a lot of complaints from municipalities over these. He stated the Sheriff he talked to said that they will start ticketing those businesses placing their signs out. Larson stated he was told we should notify the public that they should not be placing any signs out in the right-of-way, as they will get ticketed. Larson explained about the person he saw putting an internet sign out, and how he took a picture of that person's car and license plates and turned the guy in. That guy has since picked up most of their signs. Basically, if we see signs out, we call dispatch, the internet headquarters, and if not resolved, a citation is issued.

Larson brought up the weight limit sign from South Pole and County Road N that went missing. He stated he had an old wooden weight limit sign left that he used in its place. He mentioned that our weight limit signs are wooden and getting wore out, and how he may need to look into ordering new signs.

Larson stated he is attending the open house and safety training occurring by Weyer's, in Kaukauna, on March 1st. He mentioned he will be close enough to Vermeer that he may stop and pick up blades.

Larson commented the outside lights on our town hall seem to work only periodically. He stopped at Menards for replacements, but Menards does not carry them anymore. He can order them on Amazon for \$22.00 each. Kautza stated he could take a look at the issue.

11. Old Business

- **Reparations for Road Damage on Eau Claire River Road, East of County Road Y**
Kautza is still waiting to hear from the assessor in Aniwa on who owns the house.
- **Status of American Rescue Plan Act – Possible use of Funds**
Nothing new.
- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning**
Nothing new.

12. New Business

- **Discussion on Creation and Adoption by Resolution of a Utility Accommodations Policy**
Kautza suggested Larson take a look at the document for his comments.

Kautza stated to Larson about how at the recent WTA meeting, the Sheriff Deputy who spoke informed people to not be picking up anything questionable in the ditches, and how if they see something to call the Sheriff's Department.

- **Board of Review Training: 04/22/23 In-Person in Stevens Point or 05/01/23 Virtual**
Marien asked Parker to sign him up for the in-person training. McRae stated he will attend the virtual training, and for Parker to sign him up.

13. Remarks from Board

Marien stated at the last Ambulance meeting, it was discussed that they are purchasing a new ambulance. He described the specs of the ambulance and stated the total cost is about \$310,000. He stated it is estimated that the Town of Plover's share in the cost will be \$35,000, which we would have two years to pay. He stated the Service is using their recent grant to pay down the initial \$89,000. He stated the next ambulance meeting is on March 8th, and how they are asking all the municipalities to take action to approve the expenditure. We will have to wait until our March 13th meeting to take action, but realize this is a necessary cost. Marien stated from what he has heard, they seem to be doing well with their paid EMS staff. Marien stated a request came up at that meeting for Towns to ask their residents to remove the old addressing signs, as it is causing confusion.

Kautza brought up that he needs to talk with the snowmobile club about the snowmobile crossing on Hatchery Road, as it is in a dangerous area along a hill, where it is hard for vehicles to initially see them.

Marien commented that he talked to the Chair of Norrie, and how the Chair did confirm that they simply posted the speed limit signs in their town, and did not go through the required steps with the State.

14. Future Items

- **Spring Primary Election – February 21, 2023, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting – March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Spring Election – April 4, 2023, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Open Book – April 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- **Annual Town Meeting – April 18, 2023 (6:00 p.m.)**
- **Regular Board Meeting – April 18, 2023, Immediately following the Annual Town Meeting.**
- **Board of Review – April 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

15. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

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