

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

Chairman 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 McRae was present. Marien was excused.

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

Also present, to possibly speak under Public Comments, was:
Tim Micke, 236841 Eau Claire River Road

4. Visitors

None.

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

None.

6. Minutes from Previous Meeting

• August 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Kautza, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting.

7. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

Kautza commented that he ordered a vacuum to be kept at the Town Hall. He will submit a receipt for reimbursement to Parker.

Parker commented that we received our August Settlement from Marathon County, and how they deposited the funds into our Banner Banks checking account, versus our CoVantage Account. She contacted the County, and the Count assured her it would be fixed for the future.

8. Review and Action on 2023 Monthly Budget

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

9. Clerk's Report

Parker pointed out she is attending the week-long virtual Wisconsin Town's Association Fall Workshop. She stated that tomorrow's topic will be covering Town Budgets.

Parker mentioned that she recently had a conversation about the ARPA funds with the Village of Weston Treasurer, and how that Treasurer explained to her that all we need to do is file with the Federal Government (ARPA) that we spent all the funds as "Loss of Revenue", and how we don't need to itemize the spending with them. Parker stated she was told, however, that we still need to track the spending and have it spent by 2026. Parker stated she is planning to create a separate small "budget" sheet for the ARPA funds and spending.

Parker commented she received the Recycling Cooperative Agreement (for the Recycling Cooperative Grant) from the County. This document needs to be signed by Kautza so that we can include this in with our Basic Recycling Grant. This agreement will grant the Town some extra funds with the Recycling Grant.

Parker commented that the two election machines need to be dropped off at Marathon County on Friday, October 13th. She stated that Larson can probably take the machines in for her. Kautza stated if Larson can't, then he could.

10. Road Report

Kautza stated that Meverden Materials should be completed with the Sportsman Road project by tomorrow. It will probably be a couple weeks yet before they start the work on Red Granite Road.

Kautza stated that Larson recently completed the topping and grading work on Doolittle Road. He stated that Larson will then be getting the truck ready winter. He stated the salt shed is about half full, and we will be having more salt brought in by Fraaza soon, so that we can pay for that this year.

Kautza stated once Meverden is done with the Red Granite Road Project, that Larson will then complete one more round of ditch mowing.

Kautza stated that Larson is running into issues with coming across unmarked underground fiber cable. Kautza stated he recently talked to Kevin Shedlbauer, who is a lineman with one of the utility companies, who he can talk to about these lines.

11. Old Business

- **Status of American Rescue Plan Act – Possible use of Funds**

Discussed above.

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

Kautza stated he missed a call from the County, and he plans to get back in touch with them.

- **Discussion of Making the Intersection of Pine View Road and Doolittle Drive a 3-Way Stop**

There has been no further inquiries on this from that neighborhood.

McRae commented how one of Merle Martin's employees has been seen several times speeding along Pine View Road. Kautz stated he will follow up with Martin about this. Kautza stated he also still plans to talk to Wellhoefer about the cows, as far as the cows completely blocking the road for some time, each day, when walking to their pasture.

- **Update on Guyette Drive Road Damage**

Kautza stated there has been nothing new here.

12. New Business

- **Discussion on 2024 Budget**

Kautza stated there will be some required maintenance for the grader coming up, which will add an extra \$5,000 to that budget line. Kautza asked if Parker could create a separate line for right-of-way tree cutting, and placing \$15,000 in that line item.

Kautza stated, in 2024, there will probably be more road digging occurring on Sportsman's Drive, closer to Audrey Kautza's property. We may do some work on Crescent Road. There was discussion on the recent work done on the corner of Old Lake Road.

Parker stated that she was able to get a draft tax levy together. Last year, the Town was able to levy \$246,715. She stated the 2023 debt principal and interest of \$36,274 gets reduced off from this worksheet, but then the 2024 debt principal and interest of \$36,365 gets added back in. With that and the increase from new houses, our 2024 levy is looking to be about \$250,289.

A comment was made about the Fire Department invoice for the accident near the Dells. Parker stated as quickly as she received the invoice from the Fire Department, she forwarded an invoice to the responsible party. She is hoping this person can claim this cost with his insurance, since it was part of an automobile accident.

13. Remarks from Board

- Sippl asked if we could look into adding a 4-way stop sign at Hatchery and Sportsman Drive, and also on North Pole Road. It was discussed that we would have to put an ordinance together. After some discussion, it was agreed that Parker will add further discussion on this item to the next agenda. She will remove the "Discussion of Making the Intersection of Pine View Road and Doolittle Drive a 3-Way Stop, and instead list "Discussion of Stop Signs on Town Roads".

Sipl questioned if there is anything we could do about the semi traffic on North Pole Road. Parker commented on how a lot of people, including herself, uses that road as a short cut. It was discussed that if stop signs were placed at Sportsman and North Pole, it would probably reduce some of this traffic.

14. Future Items

- Town Board Meeting & 2024 Budget Hearing – October 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
- Town Special Meeting of Electors on 2023 Tax Levy – October 10, 2023, Following 6pm Meeting
- Town Board Meeting for Adoption of 2024 Budget – October 10, 2023, Following Electors Meeting

15. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Kautza, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

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