

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

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Immediately following the Annual Town Electors Meeting**

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**Minutes**

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

Chairman Kautza called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

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

Clerk Valerie Parker noted Marien and McRae were also present.

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

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z  
Sharon Pribbernow, 185037 Village Rd  
Jason Krahn, 185037 Village Rd

**3. Visitors**

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

**5. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**• March 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

*Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2026.*

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

**7. Review and Action on 2026 Monthly Budget**

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

**8. Clerk's Report**

Parker brought up that following our last Town Board meeting, she reached out to the WTA, regarding if it is possible to charge School Districts for election costs, when a School Board race is the only thing on the ballot. She said that there are some rules about being able to charge School Districts; however, it only amounts to charging them for certain supplies. This would not include the cost to pay Election Inspectors, etc. The amount we could charge would be very minimal, and not worth our time.

Parker stated that there have been two recent incidents in the Town that resulted in Fire Department responses. She explained the 3-vehicle accident that occurred on April 12<sup>th</sup>, on County Road N, a quarter mile west of County Road Y. She stated that technically, the vehicles ended up on the Town of Plover's side; however, the Sheriff's Reports all refer to Town of Norrie. We will have to wait and see if the Fire Department bills the Town or not. She stated it was just announced that the elderly couple involved passed away from injuries, and how she does not think they were the ones in the vehicle responsible for the accident. The other incident occurred on April 17<sup>th</sup>, having to do with a juvenile who was intoxicated and climbed out onto the rocks at the Dells park, must have swam to an island rock, and then was unable to get back to shore. The Fire Department responded to rescue the boy. Parker stated that the Sheriff's Department is unable to share the name of the juvenile, or of the juvenile's parents (as far as billing). She stated when the Fire Department invoice comes, they may have it noted. McRae suggested that if the billing does not have the name, that Parker could forward the invoice to the Sheriff's Department, who can then forward to the family.

Parker stated that after tonight, she will be filing the Town's Annual Recycling Report, and explained its purpose.

Parker stated that we have our annual spring clean-up next month. She asked the Board and those in the audience to let her know of any "problem" properties, and she will mail a copy of the spring clean-up information

directly to those addresses, with the hopes that this will encourage those property owners to get items out at the roadway for the clean-up.

Parker stated her next task is to work on completing the Town's annual CT Report (to the WI DOR). She said this is a very tedious/cumbersome report, and how it is due May 15<sup>th</sup>, but she will try to get it done sooner.

## 9. Road Report

Kautza stated that Block has been testing out using the grader more, and that there will be some formal training next week.

Kautza stated that Don Dahms, of Antigo Arborist, completed some right-of-way brushing/tree clearing along Village Road and Hatchery Road. He received the invoice, which is in the amount of ~\$28,000.

## 10. New Business

- **Discussion and/or Action on Ordinance No. 2026-01: Amendment to Town of Plover Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance.**

Parker explained that the WI DNR revised their Administrative Code last year, and have asked all municipalities who have a solid waste/recycling ordinance to update their ordinances to incorporate changes that the State made.

Municipalities are required to pass an amended ordinance by the April 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Report Deadline (to be submitted with the Annual Report).

Parker stated that the Ordinance essentially follows the template that the State provided her.

***Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to Ordinance No. 2026-01: Amendment to the Town of Plover Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance.***

- **Acknowledgement of Draft 2025 Annual Recycling Report**

Parker stated this is just the report that is filed to prove we incurred the anticipated costs that we reported in our 2025 Recycling Grant. She stated last year we received a grant in the amount of ~\$2,000.

- **Discussion and Action on Resolution No. 2026-01: Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution (requested by WI Town's Association)**

Parker stated this is a request from the WTA, asking all Municipalities to pass this Resolution asking the State to offer higher Transportation Aids to municipalities.

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve Resolution No. 2026-01: Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution***

## 11. Old Business

- **Discussion and/or Action on Snowmobile Crossing Issue on Hatchery Road**

Kautza stated that he attended the latest Eastern Marathon County Towns & Village Unit Meeting, which was held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, in Knowlton. He explained that while he was there, he was able to speak with the Sheriff's Deputy who has been working on this snowmobile crossing issue. He stated how the Club will not receive some of their funding if they do not take care of that issue.

- **Continued Discussion on 2026 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated that American Asphalt is installing its plant on State Highway 52. He has been in contact with them about some of our projects. He stated that Parker can put a bid notice together for the Hatchery Road Project, and how it would essentially be the same as last year, other than this will be from Village Road to State Highway 52. Parker stated she will draft a bid notice and forward to the Board before she sends it out to the contractors for a bid opening at our May meeting.

Kautza stated as far as the Pine View Road bridge, we need to research how we want to handle this more. Larson suggested doing an exploratory digging (with the new backhoe) in a spot there to see exactly what is beneath the surface. A thought was we could dig this out and then put new material down and place cold mix on top (by Scott's Construction).

Kautza stated that he will contact Scott's Construction about the issue on Old Lake Road.

Kautza stated that we do need to get more gravel on Sportsman Drive.

- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning (Action Due by January 27, 2027)**

There was some discussion on our options and how we want to handle this.

Parker re-read the February 4<sup>th</sup> email from the County, which laid out the Town's options. Questions that came up were if we pull out from County Zoning, what it would look like to not have zoning at all. Or, if we do decide to have very basic zoning, would we need a comprehensive plan and would we need a Plan Commission.

More research will continue on this. The Town just needs to make a decision by January 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **12. Remarks from the Board**

## **13. Future Items**

- Board of Review – Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

## **14. Adjourn**

***Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.***

Respectfully,

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