

Town of Plover, Marathon County, Wisconsin
Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plover Electors
180771 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI 54414

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 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. All Present Roll Call, Clerk Valerie Parker

Parker noted the following 9 Town Electors were present:

Valerie Parker, 230801 County Road Y
Tony Kautza, 184726 Village Road
Peter Marien, 184949 County Road Z
Scott McRae, 183527 Old Lake Road
Connie Sippl, 236281 North Pole Road
Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z
Roy Kuschel, 184878 County Road Z
Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z
Heidi Kroll, 234754 North Pole Road

3. Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting

• **April 16, 2024, Annual Meeting**

Parker read the minutes.

Motion by Larson, second by McRae, to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024.

4. Set Date for 2026 Annual Meeting

• **April 21, 2026 (3rd Tuesday in April)**

Motion by Marien, second by Boettcher to set the 2026 date for April 21, 2026.

5. Town Annual Report – 2024 Statement of Financial Condition

Kautza pointed out the 2024 Statement of Financial Condition that has been shared with those in attendance.

Kautza explained that this year, the Town will be blacktopping the patches on Sportsman Drive and Hatchery Road. He stated there will need to be some more digging on Hatchery Road, and depending on how the year goes, may do some work on Crescent Drive. We will be getting hard top bids for Village Road, Eau Claire River Road, east/west portion of Crescent Drive. He stated we will be looking at Old Lake Road.

Kautza pointed out that about 3 weeks ago our newly (since Nov. 2024) hired Town Road Maintenance Operator left employment. The Town has been working with a couple of retired individuals who have been assisting us with snow plowing and grading. There is a potential guy he has been in conversation with, who may be interested in the job. Boettcher brought up the resident that lives above Doreen Erbrecht, who has indicated he would be interested. Kautza stated if we are not able to find someone through word of mouth, then we will post the position again.

Kautza brought up recent discussions he had with the new Chairman of Easton, who was asking him if we have a copy of a reciprocal agreement on who covers the roads that are jointly owned by our two municipalities. Kautza stated we may have a document filed away somewhere, otherwise, it may have been more of a gentlemen's agreement back in the day.

Kautza stated that Don Dahms, Antigo Arborist, did some tree cutting work on South Pole Road, but since has stopped, since the Town does not have an employee to assist, and Dahms is now onto other projects of his own. Kautza stated later this year, we may have him cut some trees along Hatchery Road.

Motion by Marien, second by Parker, to approve the Annual Report – 2024 Statement of Financial Condition.

6. Announcements

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion by McRae, second by Kautza to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully,

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Immediately Following Town Caucus Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Tony Kautza

Chairman Kautza called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Parker noted Marien and McRae were also present.

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

Rick Larson, 185153 County Road Z

Carlton Boettcher, 183216 County Road Z

3. Visitors

None.

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

None.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- December 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by McRae, second by Marien, to approve the meeting minutes from December 10, 2024, with corrections.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

7. Review and Action on 2025 Monthly Budget

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker stated she got all the end of year payroll taxes and general reports all filed. She will be getting ready to prepare for the Spring Primary Election, which will be held on February 18th.

9. Road Report

Kautza stated that Aaron Pranke has been doing a very good job, and has been keeping him informed on things, and checking in from time-to-time. He stated that Pranke has been finding things to do to keep him busy when it is not snowing. He stated that Pranke has been doing some right-of-way brush cutting, and explained an issue that came up, due to some internet cable that was not buried and laying along the ditchline that his equipment got caught up on.

It was brought up that we need more sand put down on the intersections, on the side of the road where vehicles are coming to a stop. Kautza will point that out to Pranke.

10. New Business

- **Discussion and Action on Issues and Potential Additional Signage along East Side of Curve on Eau Claire River Rad, near 238435 Eau Claire River Road**

There was brief discussion on this topic. Kautza stated there is a lot of rock in the ditchline there which would make it very difficult to put signs in. He stated the signs would be costly and people are most likely still going to hit them.

It was stated no action is needed for this item.

11. Old Business

- **Continued Discussion and Possible Action on 2025 Roadway Projects**

Kautza stated that he will be talking to the County this spring on having them potentially do some paving work for us on Sportsman Drive and Hatchery Road. He stated there is a little more to dig out on Hatchery Road yet.

Kautza stated we will be looking at doing some overlaying over some of our other blacktop roads. He discussed possible work on Crescent Drive.

Kautza stated we currently have enough gravel. It was pointed out we could use more gravel on Sportsman Drive, through the wooded areas.

- **Continued Discussion on Possibly Ending County Zoning (Per WI Act 264 – Process Can't Start Until 2027)**

Nothing discussed.

12. Remarks from Board

Marien discussed the posting of the Minutes on the website, and a recent contact he had with a resident on what was noted in the December minutes.

Marien brought up how Sippl spends a lot of time cleaning the hall after rentals, and how she has not had an increase in her hall rental cleaning pay. After some discussion, it was agreed we would start paying Sippl \$50.00 per month, versus \$35.00.

Parker brought up the Board of Review Training. It was confirmed that both Marien and McRae would like to be signed up for the virtual training.

13. Future Items

- Regular Town Board Meeting – February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- Spring Primary Election – February 18, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully,

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