

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 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. 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

• November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to approve both sets of meeting minutes from November 12, 2024.

6. Review and Signing of Monthly Expenditures

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly expenditures.

Sippl commented that the tax bills have not been processed yet, that the County is still working on those.

7. Review and Action on 2024 Monthly Budget

Parker stated later this month, she will transfer funds from our general checking into our Money Market account, to bring our checking down closer to \$25,000.00. It was stated that the Town has received \$17,000 in additional funding this year, and currently has about \$73,998 left in available expenditures to be carried over into 2025.

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

8. Clerk's Report

Parker commented that the Board did not need to submit their Declaration of Candidacy forms yet, as she now remembers that form gets filed after the Board members are nominated at the Caucus, next month.

Parker stated the Town will be paying off the Town Hall loan in January.

Parker stated that she has been in contact with Alexandra Peacock, at the County, and that the County did assign an address to the Meidl property. She stated that from her email correspondence with Peacock, it may still be less costly for the Town to utilize the County in ordering the address signs. She stated the County does charge a fee to assign addresses, as it takes some time to research the proper coordinates for the address. Larson stated that while the signs at Rent-A-Flash may be less expensive, Rent-A-Flash will charge a fee to deliver the signs to the Town, or, it is also fairly costly to drive the Town truck to Wausau (8-miles per gallon fuel) to pick them up. He said that he is fine if the County sends the signs, but he would like some uniform written instructions from the County on how to determine the placement of the signs. Parker will follow up with the County.

Parker brought up that she was contacted by Michelle Smith, over on Village Road, that they want to start utilizing their shed to hold private weddings. She said that she sent messages to the County and State to find out what needs to be done for Smith to do this. She only heard back from the County, as far as possible zoning. She has

not heard from the State as for as a requirement for a liquor license. Kautza stated he has been in contact with Smith and he stated from what he knows, as long as they keep it to 6 events or less they do not need a liquor license. He stated he can follow up with Smith.

9. Road Report

Larson stated he has been continuing training with Pranke. He stated it is going very well, and how Pranke has been going out on his own, taking his time to learn the area and equipment. Larson stated they have been grading, right-of-way ditch clearing, and some plowing.

Larson brought up the tractor, and that he has been in contact with the manufacturer down in Texas. They are sending him some warranty paper work, and plan to take care of our issues, but may not be until the spring. Larson stated how since the tractor came back from the Kaukauna shop, he is noticing a lot of leaking parts that were not leaking before.

10. New Business

- **Discussion on Board of Review and Open Book Dates**

Parker brought up that the Towns Association will be holding Board of Review trainings in March. Virtual trainings will be held on March 17th and March 18th. There are many in-person trainings scheduled throughout the State (January – April). The Stevens Point in-person training is scheduled for March 21st, at the Holiday Inn.

McRae requested to be registered for the virtual training. Marien stated he will think about it and let Parker know.

Parker stated this should provide plenty of time, where Todd Anderson can still hold our Open Book on April 22nd, and we can hold the Board of Review on April 29th.

11. Old Business

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

Kautza stated we will be looking at doing some pavement projects in the spring, and will discuss these more next month.

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

Nothing at this time.

12. Remarks from Board

Marien discussed that the Birnamwood Ambulance Service has been covering for Wittenberg quite a bit since they are having some personnel issues. Birnamwood has been having some discussion on what Wittenberg should be paying Birnamwood for their time (around \$1,000). He stated if Wittenberg covers for Birnamwood there is a charge of about \$500.

13. Future Items

- Town Caucus Meeting – January 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Town Board Meeting – January 14 ,2025, Immediately Following Town Caucus Meeting

14. Adjourn

Motion by Marien, second by McRae, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully,

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