MINUTES
TOWN OF PLOVER BOARD MEETING
MARCH 6, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
   Chairman Garbe called the meeting of the Town of Plover Town Board to order at 5:02 PM. Also present were Supervisors Bentley, Firkus, Pingel, and Rossier; Clerk/Treasurer Weller; and Attorney Shane VanderWaal.

2. **MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 19.85(1)(e) AND § 19.85(1)(g), DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION AND CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWN WHO IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVICE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE TOWN WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED, TO WIT: VISTA SANDS SOLAR, JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE PROCEEDINGS (PSC DOCKET NUMBER 9820-CE-100):**
   Supervisor Pingel made the motion to go into closed session at 5:02 PM to discuss the Joint Development Agreement between Town of Plover, Town of Grant, Town of Buena Vista, Village of Plover, Portage County, and Vista Sands Solar LLC (PSC Docket Number 9820-CE-100), pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(g). Supervisor Rossier seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

3. **MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**
   Supervisor Pingel made the motion to reconvene into open session at 6:24 PM, Supervisor Bentley seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

   Chairman Garbe called the open session portion of the meeting of the Town of Plover Town Board to order at 6:28 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joining the open session portion of the meeting were Town of Plover Superintendent of Highways William Honaker; Town of Plover residents Priscilla Garbe, Michael Schoenholz, Debra Sniadajewski, and William Sniadajewski; and Town of Linwood resident and District 19 Portage County Board candidate Amberle Schwartz.

4. **DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**
   Supervisor Rossier made the motion for Attorney Shane VanderWaal to file for intervenor status with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin regarding the Vista Sands Solar Project at the direction of Chairman Garbe. Supervisor Bentley seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
   Chairman Garbe reminded board members to submit Board of Review training affidavits to Clerk/Treasurer Weller.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
   There were no public comments.

7. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASES:

Superintendent of Highways William Honaker reported on a pickup topper dumped on Kennedy Avenue, fall brush cutting plans, broken road sign posts, and a downed tree on Shady Drive. Supervisor Rossier noted that Honaker picked up the recently purchased Crafco Super Shot 60 melter/applicator and is preparing it for spring crack filling. Supervisor Bentley questioned whether the back blade has been used, and Honaker indicated that he will be repairing roads with it soon.

8. PURCHASE OF CRACK FILLER:

Board members and Superintendent of Highways William Honaker discussed purchase options for crack filling material. Chairman Garbe will finish gathering quotes for material, and board members anticipate making a purchase decision at the next meeting.

9. DISPOSITION OF OLD TAR KETTLE:

Superintendent of Highways William Honaker is talking with his contacts about possibly selling the old tar kettle; he is unsure of its value. Advertisements and auctions were suggested as methods of disposition, but board members recommended keeping the old tar kettle until verifying that the new melter/applicator works.

10. CLASS B WEIGHT LIMITS:

Town board members discussed possible weight limits on Taft Avenue as a result of Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) communications but ultimately decided against imposing them.

11. LINCOLN AVENUE SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION:

Chairman Garbe reported on his research regarding speed limits on Lincoln Avenue near the Boston School Forest. The portion of Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Plover has a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour whereas the portion of Lincoln Avenue in the Town of Plover has a speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour. Although a traffic study is usually required to reduce the speed limit on a town road, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will waive the study and allow the Town of Plover to reduce the speed limit on Lincoln Avenue by ten miles per hour through an ordinance that provides justification for the reduction; a study would be required to reduce the speed limit by more than ten miles per hour. Chairman Garbe recommended lowering the speed limit for the portion of Lincoln Avenue in the Town of Plover to forty-five miles per hour in conjunction with improving signage and maintaining painted crosswalks to mitigate the safety hazard for children using the Boston School Forest. An application must be filed with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation before installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Receiving grant funding for the beacons is unlikely, but there are signage options available that are less expensive than originally quoted.

Board members supported reducing the speed limit by ten miles per hour for the entire mile of Lincoln Avenue within the jurisdiction of the Town of Plover, and Chairman Garbe will prepare an ordinance to be considered at the next meeting. Town of Linwood resident and District 19 Portage County Board candidate Amberle Schwartz suggested signage options that could attempt to slow traffic near the Boston School Forest.

12. FIVE-YEAR ROAD PLAN:

Historical road work data was provided to board members for review, and board members discussed Chairman Garbe's 2024-2028 capital road plan. The Town of Plover's application for Town Road Improvement Discretionary and Town Road Improvement Supplemental funding to

reconstruct one mile of Meehan Drive between the State Highway 54 intersection and Hayes Avenue is still pending.

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to proceed with 2024 plans for chip sealing and for the gravel lift on Taft Avenue. Supervisor Rossier seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. **REPORT ON PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024:**
Clerk/Treasurer Weller reported that seventy-six Town of Plover residents voted in the February 20, 2024, Spring Primary; there were nineteen absentee voters and two residents who registered to vote on February 20. Weller answered questions from board members; all election equipment worked as expected, and many voters provided positive feedback about the new equipment.

14. **ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR APRIL 2, 2024, ELECTION:**
Clerk/Treasurer Weller recommended that shifts of seven election inspectors work at the Spring Election for purposes of helping voters use the new election equipment.

Supervisor Pingel made the motion to approve a maximum of seven election inspectors working at the Spring Election per shift, Supervisor Rossier seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried. Chairman Garbe voted against the motion.

15. **MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER MINUTES TO BE PRESENTED:**
Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024, town board meeting as presented. Supervisor Rossier seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS AND CASH SUMMARY:**
    - **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS OF JANUARY 31, 2024:**
    Clerk/Treasurer Weller previously distributed copies of the Portage County Bank and the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) statements and reconciliations to board members. The Portage County Bank NOW checking account reconciled at $19,712.02 on January 31, 2024. The LGIP committed and uncommitted accounts reconciled at a total of $1,961,649.21 on January 31, 2024. **Supervisor Pingel made the motion to approve the Portage County Bank and the LGIP statement reconciliations as presented, Supervisor Firkus seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.**

    - **CASH SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 6, 2024, AT 4:45 PM:**

COMMITTED FUNDS:			$ 201,785.73
UNCOMMITTED FUNDS:	GENERAL ACCOUNT	$ 1,001,157.26	
	NOW CHECKING	$ 19,567.80	
TOTAL UNCOMMITTED FUNDS:			$ 1,020,725.06
TOTAL CASH FOR TOWN OF PLOVER:			$ 1,222,510.79

Supervisor Pingel made the motion to approve the cash summary as presented, Supervisor Bentley seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

17. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

There were no budget adjustments presented.

18. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT, SIGNING OF VOUCHER LIST, AND AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Supervisor Pingel made the motion to approve the payment of $1,207,278.64 to cover Checks 27130 through 27177 and electronic funds transfers EFTSW0124, EFTETF0124, WIRE022024, and WIRE030424. Supervisor Bentley seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

19. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS:

The next regular town board meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, and Wednesday, April 10, at 6:00 PM. Future agendas may include a proposed planned development in conjunction with amendments to the Town of Plover Comprehensive Plan, liquor licensing, and the possible rescission of Resolution 20240201. The annual meeting is scheduled for April 16.

Planned development training sessions for Town of Plover Town Board and Town of Plover Plan Commission members are scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 PM.

20. ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Rossier made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, Supervisor Bentley seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Patricia Weller, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: 03/27/24