

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Vern Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Supervisor Don Ripp, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Supervisor Barb Parrell was absent.
2. Proof of Posting. Affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Don Ripp moved and Vern Wendt seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 2-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 4 meeting. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Discussion/Action re: Financial Report.
 - a.) Money Market: \$358,339.29 Checking: \$25,247.23
 - b.) Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Vern Wendt seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11435-11465. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Discussion/Action re: Patrolman's Report.
 - a.) Update on Reeve Rd bridge and bridge inspection report. The Town Board reviewed answers provided by Dane County Engineer regarding options for possible bridge repair. Town Chair will contact Dane County to discuss further.
 - b.) Update on Mahocker Rd ditching, stump removal. The Town Patrolman reported that Boehnen's will evaluate the job site soon. The Town Board discussed erosion control plan development. Clerk reported contacting the utility company to inform them of upcoming work on road.
 - c.) Any other updates – roads, equipment. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported the replacement of the garage overhead door as a result of a malfunction caused by train passage; the incident also caused garage pipes to freeze and require repair; a claim has been filed with town insurance. The steering on the Mac truck needed to be repaired. Tools that were approved by Town Board were purchased. Town Patrolman discussed the need for assistance in cutting trees this summer; Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve hiring a part-time employee, limited to 100 hours at \$16.00/hr. Motion carried. 2-0

8. Discussion/Action re: Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
9. EMS Board Report. No report this month.
10. Fire Board Report. No report; the Fire Board will meet on Thursday.
11. Discussion/Action re: Horribly Hilly Event Permit. The Town Board reviewed the permit and cycling event route for June 2020. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the Horribly Hilly event permit. Motion carried. 2-0
12. Discussion/Action re: DCTA membership renewal. Don Ripp moved and Vern Wendt seconded the motion to approve the DCTA membership renewal. Motion carried. 2-0
13. Discussion/Action re: Posting location change. The Town Board discussed requirements under Wis. Stat. Chapter 985.02 for posting certain legal notices for public notification. According to statute, towns may elect to post a notice in one physical public place likely to give notice to persons affected and placed electronically on an Internet site maintained by the municipality. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to post at (2) physical locations, and the official town website, namely: the State Bank of Cross Plains-Black Earth, Breunig CPA, and <https://town.blackearth.wi.us>.
14. Discussion/Action re: FEMA update on road projects. Clerk Stephanie Zwetter reported that FEMA and Wisconsin Emergency Management have approved Project 77014; forms from obligation packet, version 0, were signed and submitted to the State of Wisconsin, Division of Emergency Management; it has been sent to FEMA for final review and closeout.
15. Discussion of future agenda items. Reeve Rd bridge, Mahocker Rd work.
16. Adjourn. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk