

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 4, 2020

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Vern Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp, Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder, Jeannie Campbell.
2. Proof of Posting. Affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Board and Special Meeting of Residents on Mahocker Road on July 7. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve both minutes from July 7 as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Discussion/Action re: Financial Report.
  - a. Money Market: \$244,032.60    Checking: \$20,554.92
  - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11549-11561. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Discussion/Action re: Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that he began patching. The mailbox on John Wilkinson Rd was hit while he was mowing; the owner reported a replacement cost of \$50.00. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to authorize the payment of \$50.00 as the replacement cost for the mailbox damaged at 5240 John Wilkinson Rd, Mazomanie. Motion carried. 3-0
  - a. Lefty Lane – culvert. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported the culvert collapsed due to lack of shoulder; patrolman will order and install a new culvert.
  - b. Reeve Road – trees in town right of way. Town resident Jeannie Campbell of Reeve Road expressed concern about the numerous trees because a couple have fallen onto her property. Patrolman Al Schroeder said he contacted Alliant Energy because many are in danger of hitting power lines but his request was denied. Town Chair Vern Wendt will contact Alliant Energy to request tree removal and directed the Clerk to write a letter to Alliant Energy detailing the issue and requested service.
8. Discussion/Action re: Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
9. Discussion/Action re: Mahocker Rd project – updates. Boehnen's is expected to begin work on Mahocker Road within 2-3 weeks. Patrolman Al Schroeder will install temporary mailboxes; however, mail can also be held at the Mazomanie Post Office. Residents can have package deliveries from UPS and Fed Ex be delivered to the EMS building for pick-up if desired. Century Link measured the location of their equipment. Contact numbers were provided to EMS

and Fire Department. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler has posted construction information on the town website to be updated regularly and will also send a letter to residents.

10. Discussion/Action re: Discuss possible ordinance for underground utility work. The Town Board reviewed ordinances from two Wisconsin towns relating to right-of-way work for utilities. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will contact Wisconsin Towns Association for other possible sample ordinance options.
11. EMS Board Report. Barb Parrell reported the new ambulance is working well and that first responders remain healthy amid the pandemic.
12. Fire Board Report. Don Ripp reported fire call volume is average, fire inspections are temporarily put on hold, and first responders remain healthy amid the pandemic. The next meeting will be in September.
13. Discussion of future agenda items. Possible ordinance for utility work in right-of-way.
14. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk