

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
6:30 PM

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Vern Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp and Barb Parrell, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Treasurer Brenda Kahl was excused. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder.
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 September 1, 2020 meeting. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from September 1 as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Discussion/action re: Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$211,338.36 Checking: \$144,533.63
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11581-11605. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Discussion/action re: Patrolman's Report.
 - a. Mahocker Road – project update. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported they will be working on a turn-around at the end of the road, to be located within the town's right-of-way; gravel is being added to rough spots; Boehnen's will sweep the road before finishing the project.
 - b. Reeve Road – tree removal concerns, update. Town Chair Vern Wendt spoke with Alliant Energy workers; the town can notify Alliant to have power lines let down for the removal of trees.
8. Discussion/action re: Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
9. Discussion/action re: Review draft policy for underground utility work. The Town Board reviewed the proposed Town Utility Policy and Utility Work Permit. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to adopt the Town Utility Policy and Utility Work Permit as proposed. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Discussion/action re: Gardiner Appraisal – review new assessment contract. The Town Board reviewed the 3-year maintenance contract sent by Gardiner Appraisal. Barb Parrell moved and

Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the assessment contract. Motion carried. 3-0

11. Discussion/action re: Fesenfeld Road – speed limit concerns. The Town Board reviewed the letter submitted by Susan Michaud and Joel Garb regarding their concern with the increase in drivers traveling too fast on Fesenfeld Road. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the installation of a 40 MPH advisory speed limit sign on Fesenfeld Road by the Town Patrolman. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Discussion re: Set date and time for Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors. The 2021 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the levy will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The Town Board meeting will immediately follow.
13. EMS Board Report. Barb Parrell reported that the District One Board approved the 2021 budget with no increase in the levy.
14. Fire Board Report. Don Ripp reported that the Fire Board approved the 2021 budget. The board had more discussion on roof replacement; since project has not yet been finalized it was not included in the 2021 budget.
15. Discussion of future agenda items. Budget approval, driveway access for K & K Builders on Hwy 14.
16. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk