

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2020
followed the Budget Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Vern Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp and Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder, David Born.
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 October 6 and October 8, 2020 meetings. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 6 and October 8 as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. Resident David Born expressed concern regarding his property at the turnaround that was created near the end of Mahocker Rd.
6. Discussion/action re: Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$101,951.73 Checking: \$134,142.85
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11606-11617. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Discussion/action re: Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported the project on Mahocker Rd was complete; the load of salt arrived today; discussed installing culvert markers at the town line on Mahocker Rd due to the narrowing of the road in that location.
8. Discussion/action re: Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
9. Discussion/action re: Adopt 2021 Budget. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to adopt the 2021 Town Budget as presented with a levy of \$317,033. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Discussion/action re: K & K Builders, USH 14 – request to upgrade field road with DOT, review parcel information from Dane County Zoning. Property owner Corey Kahl requested the Town submit a letter to the Department of Transportation. Town Chair Vern Wendt moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to direct the Clerk to send a letter to DOT confirming available density and the owner's request of a driveway upgrade for one residence.
11. Discussion/action re: Rural Mutual insurance policy – review scheduled equipment. The Town Board discussed and reviewed the policy. The Clerk will schedule a meeting with Rural Mutual insurance agent to review the questions discussed.

12. Discussion re: November 3 election – report. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented a summary of the recent general election.
13. Discussion re: Tax collection options for 2020 payments. The Town Board discussed eliminating in-person collection of 2020 property tax payments due to COVID. Payments should be mailed or dropped off in the Treasurer’s mailbox.
14. EMS Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that next week’s meeting has been canceled due to the increase in local COVID cases.
15. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported that the fire meeting was this evening.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Rural Mutual insurance policy, survey of parcel on Mahocker Rd.
17. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk