

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Town Board Meeting  
January 5, 2021

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Vern Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp and Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder, Steve Parrell and Tom Turk.
2. Proof of Posting. Affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the December 1 meeting. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Discussion/action re: Financial Report.
  - a. Money Market: \$823,801.68      Checking: \$33,781.17
  - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Vern Wendt seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11643-11667. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Discussion/action re: Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that Century Tel was able to bury conduit under the culverts on Mahocker Rd before frost set.
8. Discussion/action re: 2020 Bridge Inspections – review report. The Town Board reviewed the bridge inspection report completed by CEDP for Dane County.
9. Discussion/action re: Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
10. Discussion/action re: David Born, 5375 Mahocker Rd – parcel survey update. Town Chair Vern Wendt and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler met with David Born and surveyor Tony Walker. Vern Wendt reviewed comments and discussion concerning proposed area for an easement. Tony Walker will prepare a drawing and legal description for both parties to review.
11. Discussion/action re: Rural Mutual insurance policy – updates and scheduled equipment. The Town Board reviewed the quote with updates by Rural Mutual. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to accept the quote as presented with an amendment to raise Cyber Coverage to \$100,000 for \$152.00/yr. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Discussion/action re: Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant – possible resolution for land acquisition. The Town Board discussed the difficulty in supporting a sale that remains anonymous and expressed concern for lack of neighbor notification and the types of recreational

activities proposed. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adopt a resolution in opposition to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant application for land acquisition. Motion carried. 3-0

13. Discussion/action re: Erosion Control & Stormwater Management Permitting – posting on town website. The Town Board reviewed the information sheet and permit review process as provided by Dane County Erosion Control & Stormwater Management Program. Vern Wendt moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to post the information on the town’s website. Motion carried.
14. EMS Board Report. Barb Parrell reported that the EMS meeting is next Thursday, January 14.
15. Fire Board Report. Don Ripp reported the Fire Board accepted a bid for the roofing project; the town’s share is estimated to be approximately \$6153.00; also announced the department received a grant for supplies.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Easement agreement on Mahocker Rd; discuss Transfer of Development Rights.
17. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk