

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
April 8, 2021

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Vern Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 2 meeting. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell 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: \$273,744.09 Checking: \$30,699.40
 - B. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11714-11744. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Discussion/action re: Plan Commission Report.
 - A. Korey Kahl, 10016 US Hwy 14 – driveway construction permit. Steve Parrell presented the Plan Commission’s review and recommendation to approve the driveway construction permit as submitted by Korey Kahl with conditions. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the driveway construction permit, contingent on a recorded joint driveway agreement with adjoining neighbors, and obtaining an Erosion Control permit from Dane County; no construction is allowed until conditions are met. Motion carried. 3-0
 - B. Plan Commission appointments. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that the commission members whose terms are expiring have agreed to serve and be reappointed. Barb Parrell moved and Vern Wendt seconded a motion to confirm the appointments for a three-year term expiring April 2024 – Tony Danz and Bruce Johnson; and Don Ripp to a two-year term expiring April 2023. Motion carried. 3-0
8. Discussion/action re: Patrolman’s Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that 100 tons of salt have been ordered for 2021-2022 contract. He also reported that Dane County will be installing a culvert in Morton Park; another sign has been stolen; right-of-way repairs will soon be done on Kahl Rd where fiber optic was buried; and Lily Valley Road has a soft spot on the road, likely due to remaining frost in the ground.

9. Discussion/action re: Mahocker Road – review bids, award road paving project. The Town Board reviewed the analysis of the road bids submitted.
 - Payne & Dolan - \$202,184.00
 - Tri-County Paving - \$225,329.16
 - Wolf Paving - \$218,221.70
 - Scott Construction - \$205,209.00Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to award the road paving project to lowest bidder Payne & Dolan for \$202,184.00. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Discussion/action re: Mahocker Road – repair estimate for ditch washout. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that Boehnen’s estimated \$3500 to repair the ditch washout. Vern Wendt moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the repair estimate for Mahocker Road. Motion carried. 3-0
11. Discussion/action re: David Born, 5375 Mahocker Rd – easement agreement update. The Town Board reviewed the responses from Attorney Kay Millonzi to the questions posed by the Town Board. Board members also affirmed that the Town had offered to install a culvert for Mr. Born, but the offer was declined and any culvert installation hereafter will be at the expense of the property owner. Barb Parrell moved and Vern Wendt seconded a motion to remove the specified section and approve the agreement as prepared. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Discussion/action re: Horribly Hilly Hundreds – event permit. The Town Board reviewed the permit application and cycling event route for August 2021. Don Ripp moved and Vern Wendt seconded a motion to approve the Horribly Hilly event permit. Motion carried. 3-0
13. Discussion/action re: Resolution Commending the Service of Dane County Sheriff David Mahoney. Vern Wendt moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Commending the Service of Dane County Sheriff David Mahoney. Motion carried. 3-0
14. Discussion/action re: Set Open Book and Board of Review dates. Vern Wendt moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to set the Open Book session on Thursday, April 29, from 8:30-10:30 AM and the Board of Review session on Monday, May 10, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Motion carried. 3-0
15. Discussion/action re: Public Records Request – possible consultation of town attorney. The Town Board discussed the open records request for information from the November 3, 2020 election.
16. EMS Board Report. No report this month.
17. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported Fire Chief Dan Mahockta was reappointed as Fire Chief and Mitch Hodson as Assistant Fire Chief. The roof replacement will begin soon and a possible reserve fund for future purchases was discussed.

18. Discussion of future agenda items. Easement agreement, board appointments for EMS and Fire, appoint Board of Review alternates.
19. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Vern Wendt seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk