

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp and Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder.
2. Proof of Posting. Affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the June 1 and June 22 meetings. Tom Turk 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: \$381,536.01 (includes loan proceeds) Checking: \$52,892.10
  - B. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11775-11798. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Discussion/action re: Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Discussion/action re: Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder met with contractor's engineer to discuss Kahl Road damage to right-of-way and road; engineer will send crew to repair damage.
  - A. Road paving project – update. Payne & Dolan is scheduled to begin fine grading and paving this week on Mahocker Road and Lefty Lane.
  - B. Fesenfeld Road – culvert. Another culvert has a hole and needs replacing; Patrolman ordered culvert and contacted Boehnen's.
9. Discussion/action re: Reeve Road – tree trimming. Patrolman Al Schroeder contacted Electric Utilities Supervisor with Alliant Energy; hoping to be able to schedule trimming in the fall.
10. Discussion/action re: David Born, 5375 Mahocker Rd – easement agreement update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented the written compensation request from Mr. Born. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to accept the \$2500 compensation request for the easement agreement. Motion carried. 2-1
11. Discussion/action re: Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – possible participation in program. The Town Board reviewed the program details and discussed. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to not participate in the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 3-0

12. Discussion re: ATV use on town roads – discussion only. No public present for discussion.
13. EMS Board Report. Supervisor Tom Turk reported the next meeting is July 8, 2021.
14. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported that the department passed the state audit for 2% fire dues; roof is not yet done – contractor increased price due to rising material cost and is expected to have job completed by September 1.
15. Discussion of future agenda items. Discuss wind and solar licensing ordinance at next week's joint meeting with Plan Commission.
16. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk