

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp and Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Peter Weil, Steve Parrell, Al Schroeder, and Mary Handel.
2. Proof of Posting. Affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 7 meeting. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. Mary Handel had an informal discussion with Town Board members regarding preliminary plans for a zoning change and driveway application. The Town Board provided guidance on the process and criteria in the Land Use Plan.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$234,620.56 Checking: \$47,981.19
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11832-11850. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported there was no update on the Kahl Road repair work.
 - a. Reeve Road – tree trimming. Patrolman Al Schroeder Tree reported the tree removal is going well; the work is expected to be completed this week.
9. Broadband internet service – expansion opportunities. Peter Weil, member of the Dane County Broadband Task Force, presented an introduction on rural broadband service. He discussed the increased reliance on internet accessibility, speed definitions, and technology used by service providers to reach urban and rural areas. He also discussed opportunities to assist the expansion of broadband to underserved areas through grants and partnerships with providers. Town Board members agreed that sending a survey to residents to determine areas of need would provide valuable information.
10. Mailbox Replacement Policy – review draft policy. The Town Board reviewed the draft policy. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the policy and set the replacement mailbox value at \$50.00. Motion carried. 3-0

11. Event Permit Application – review for possible revision. The Town Board reviewed the current permit application and Short-Term Amusement and Recreation Events Ordinance. The Town Board agreed the permit application should include a statement that participants of the event must yield the right-of-way to emergency vehicles. They also agreed a condition should be added to section 13.07 Grounds for Denial, stating multiple violations of the ordinance would result in the revocation of future permits. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to amend the permit application and ordinance as proposed. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Set date for Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors. The 2022 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the levy will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at approximately 6:15 PM. The Town Board meeting will immediately follow at approximately 6:30 PM.
13. EMS Board Report. No report this month.
14. Fire Board Report. No report this month.
15. Discussion of future agenda items. Budget approval, survey for broadband internet service, event permit application and ordinance amendment, Fesenfeld Road debris.
16. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk