

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp and Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Patrolman Al Schroeder.
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 October 5, October 8, and October 11 meetings. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$233,665.04 Checking: \$19,886.24
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11851-11860. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Patrolman's Report.
 - a. Reeve Road – tree trimming. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported all logs have been removed; he still needs to cut down tree stumps.
 - b. Kahl Road – repair of road damage update. Contractor completed pavement repairs; they are expected to finish seeding and mulching on the side of the road soon.
9. Fesenfeld Road – debris on road at approx. 10301 Fesenfeld Rd. The Town Board reviewed email correspondence from property owner Mark Rettenmund. The board members agreed that installing two advisory speed limit and farm implement signs (depending on availability) at the corners would alert drivers to reduce their speed. The Town Board also agreed adding breaker rocks on the south side of the barn would help eliminate debris when entering the town road.

Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to install two advisory 15 mph speed limit signs and two farm implement signs, if available, located on the corners at approximately 10301 Fesenfeld Rd, and to request the property owner add breaker rocks on the south side of the barn starting at the town road and continuing back two hundred feet. Motion carried. 3-0

10. Fesenfeld Road – field road culvert at approx. 10454 Fesenfeld Rd. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that the property owner installed a culvert and added gravel at the field road entrance to the town road.
11. Adopt 2022 Budget. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to adopt the 2022 Town Budget as presented with a levy of \$328,538. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Broadband internet service – survey for residents. The Town Board reviewed a draft survey on broadband internet service. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to include the survey with the 2021 tax bills with an additional link on the town website and request a return date of January 31, 2022. Motion carried. 3-0
13. Event Permit Application – review revised application. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the revised application with changes discussed. Motion carried. 3-0
14. Short Term Amusement and Recreation Events Ordinance – review draft amendment. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the ordinance amendment with changes discussed. Motion carried. 3-0
15. Newsletter to accompany tax bills – review. The Town Board reviewed the newsletter that will be included with the tax bills.
16. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is November 11, 2021.
17. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is November 4, 2021.
18. Discussion of future agenda items. Appointment of election inspectors, possible zoning change application.
19. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk