

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp, Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Town Patrolman Al Schroeder, Bill and Brenda Pulvermacher, and Peter Weil via video conference.
2. Proof of Posting. An 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 January 4 meeting. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Barb Parrell abstained. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Public Comments. Bill Pulvermacher inquired about the wetlands that were mentioned at the December meeting.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$767,038.55 Checking: \$24,640.71
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11904-11920. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Patrolman's Report. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that he needed to purchase new batteries for the Ford, needs to order a road sign, and is burning brush piles.
9. Alliant Energy Utility Construction – request for utility work on Mahocker Road. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that he met with representatives from InterCon to discuss the proposed utility work. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to request Alliant Energy submit the \$100.00 permit application fee. Motion carried. 3-0

Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the Alliant Energy permit application for utility work on Mahocker Road contingent on fee payment. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Broadband internet service – survey update. The surveys returned by town residents will be scanned and emailed to Peter Weil to review responses. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will collaborate with Peter Weil to draft and email a letter to TDS inviting a representative to attend the March or April meeting to discuss opportunities for broadband expansion in the Town of Black Earth.
11. Omitted property tax bill – update. The Town Board reviewed the omitted bill from 2019. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to direct the Clerk to mail a certified letter to

the property owners informing them of the delinquent bill and to request payment by March 1, 2022. Motion carried. 3-0

12. Board of Review training. Per the recent law change requiring that Board of Reviews have at least one member receive training each year, Supervisor Tom Turk will receive the training for 2022. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the purchase of Board of Review training materials when it becomes available. Motion carried. 3-0
13. EMS Board Report. Supervisor Tom Turk reported that District One EMS has been experiencing a significant drop in the number of volunteers; an LTE will be hired to cover shifts with low coverage. The full cost of the LUCAS 3 chest compression device will now be donated.
14. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported that the roof is complete; the department is working to repair the office that was damaged from the flood. The purchase of a used brush Jeep was approved. Don Ripp also reported the department has four new members, and two more are expected to join in the spring.
15. Discussion of future agenda items. Broadband internet service, omitted tax bill, DOT salt order.
16. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk