

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

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Don Ripp, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Supervisor Tom Turk was excused.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 2-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 1 meeting. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$404,267.63 Checking: \$127,409.15
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11921-11939. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Patrolman's Report.
 - a. DOT road salt contract. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that he will order sixty tons of salt for the 2022-2023 DOT salt contract.
9. 2022 Road Projects. Patrolman Al Schroeder presented a list of the roads that need crack filling and sealcoating this year. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve spending up to \$25,000 for crack filling services on the specified town roads. Motion carried. 2-0

Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to advise the Town Clerk to post and publish the request for sealcoating bids for the specified town roads. Motion carried. 2-0
10. Broadband internet service – update. Town Chair Barb Parrell provided background on the requests for broadband upgrades that the Town sent to TDS and Century Link contacts in February. Both companies returned responses indicating that projects in our area were not currently scheduled at this time. Cody O'Connell, Town Board Supervisor in the Town of Mazomanie, was in attendance and provided contact information for a director at Charter Communications.

11. Badger ATV – ATV use on town roads – discussion only. Badger ATV Club representative and town resident Jason Handel stated the club would like to see town roads opened in the Town of Black Earth and offered to address any concerns. Town Chair Barb Parrell explained that the discussion should be open for all town residents to voice their opinions. The Town Board agreed to add the discussion of ATV use on town roads to the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the electors on April 19, 2022.
12. Omitted property tax bill – update. Treasurer Brenda Kahl reported that no payment has been received for the delinquent omitted tax bill. A motion was made by Barb Parrell and seconded by Don Ripp to direct the Town Clerk to consult with the town attorney and draft a letter to the property owners. Motion carried. 2-0
13. Easement access for town garage and salt shed. The Town Board discussed the driveway accessing the town garage and salt shed.
14. WTA 2022 district meeting. Meeting dates were discussed but Town Board members indicated they are unavailable to attend this year's meeting.
15. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2022.
16. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is Thursday, March 3, 2022.
17. Discussion of future agenda items. Sealcoat bids, broadband service, Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law program, Town Comp Plan updates, omitted tax bill, town garage easement.
18. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk