

Town of Black Earth
DRAFT Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 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: Al Schroeder, Peter Wood, and Jane Flynn.
2. Proof of Posting. An 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 March 1, March 10, and April 1 meetings. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 1 and April 1 as presented, and minutes from March 10 as amended. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$396,221.24 Checking: \$19,093.01
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11940-11971. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report.
 - a. Plan Commission appointments. Town Chair Barb Parrell reported that the commission members whose terms are expiring at the end of April have agreed to serve and be reappointed. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to confirm the appointments for a three-year term expiring April 2025 – Peter Weil and Steve Parrell as Plan Commission Chair. Motion carried. 3-0
8. Patrolman's Report. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported that he will be renting the arm mower for tree trimming next week; crack filling is complete; and he constructed a frame to attach to the brush hog blade to do wedging work this summer.
9. Road Repair Project – review bids, award sealcoating project. The Town Board reviewed the bids from Scott Construction and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the seal coating project to lowest bidder Scott Construction for \$111,000.00. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Broadband internet service – update. No update provided.
11. Horribly Hilly Hundreds – event permit. The Town Board reviewed the permit application and route on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the event permit to Horribly Hilly Hundreds. Motion carried. 3-0

12. Ordinance, Chap 3.5, Adoption of Codes – amendments. The Town Board reviewed the proposed updates of the Wisconsin Administrative Codes listed in Town Ordinance, Chapter 3.5 and enforced by the Town’s Building Inspector. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the amendments to Town Ordinance, Chapter 3.5, Adoption of Codes as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
13. Fesenfeld Road – debris on road update. Town Chair Barb Parrell provided an overview of the actions taken by the Town Board to address the debris on Fesenfeld Road.
14. Omitted property tax bill – update. Supervisor Tom Turk suggested the possibility of filing a lien on the property. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will research the information.
15. Set Open Book and Board of Review dates. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that the assessor has not yet proposed dates.
16. EMS Board Report. No report this month.
17. Fire Board Report. Don Ripp reported that the fire department has secured a contractor to remodel the office and that a used replacement Jeep has been purchased, including new tires.
18. Discussion of future agenda items. Fesenfeld Road, omitted tax, broadband internet, BIL funding.
19. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk