

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 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 Weil, Peter Wood, and Todd Boutelle via videoconference.
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 April 14 meeting. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from April 14 as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. Peter Wood reported explosions near his property and inquired about a noise ordinance.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$366,862.23 Checking: \$45,678.85
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11972-11982. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported using the rented arm mower to cut brush; road patching will begin soon.
9. Broadband internet service – update. Peter Weil presented an update from recent meetings at the Dane County Broadband Task Force.
10. Fesenfeld Road – debris on road update. No update from property owners. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will contact surveyor Tony Walker.
11. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program – projects eligible for federal funding. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler provided an update on the eligibility of town bridges for the program; after contacting WI DOT and Dane County, no town bridge in the Town of Black Earth is eligible at this time.
12. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented information on various collection methods; Town Board members requested the clerk seek legal advice from the town's attorney.

13. Board of Review – set Open Book and Board of Review dates, appoint alternates. Open Book is scheduled for Monday, May 16 from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM, and Board of Review is scheduled for Monday, May 23 from 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded a motion to appoint Dayna Dreis and Brenda Kahl as alternate members for the 2022 Board of Review. Motion carried. 3-0
14. EMS Board Report.
 - a. Appoint representative. Don Ripp moved to appoint Tom Turk as town representative to the EMS Board with Barb Parrell serving as the alternate; Barb Parrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0
15. Fire Board Report.
 - a. Appoint representative. Barb Parrell moved to appoint Don Ripp as town representative to the Joint Fire District Board, with Barb Parrell serving as the alternate; Tom Turk seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Fesenfeld Road update, omitted tax bill, driveway access to town garage, broadband update.
17. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk