

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp, Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder, Steve Parrell, Peter Weil, Garret and Mary Handel, Jason Handel, and Todd Boutelle.
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 May 3 meeting. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 3 as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$327,885.62 Checking: \$48,007.01
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 11983-11999. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report.
 - a. Mary & Garret Handel, approx. 5100 John Wilkinson Rd – expand existing residential lot from 4 acres zoned RR-4 to 10.47 acres zoned RR-8, DCPREZ-2021-11780, and driveway construction permit. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell presented the Plan Commission’s recommendations. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the driveway construction permit contingent on approval of the Dane County Erosion Control Permit and including a stipulation that the driveway be inspected to verify grade. Motion carried. 3-0

Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the zoning change from 4 acres zoned RR-4 to 10.47 acres zoned RR-8 on Dane County Rezone Petition DCPREZ-2021-11780. Motion carried. 3-0
 - b. Village Edge, LLC, 1704 Blue Mounds St. – Groundswell Conservation easement, resolution. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to postpone action until next meeting. Motion carried. 2-0, Parrell abstained.
8. Patrolman’s Report.
 - a. Review equipment options and scheduling – 2004 Ford truck. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported on the current condition of the Ford truck; Scott Construction started seal coating and patching is done.

9. Town garage and salt shed – driveway access. Patrolman Al Schroeder and Town Chair Barb Parrell met with the surveyor and potential owner of the property to discuss the driveway to the town garage.
10. Broadband internet service – update. Peter Weil presented an update from recent meetings at the Dane County Broadband Task Force; a new round of grants is possible this fall.
11. Fesenfeld Road – debris on road update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler contacted surveyor Tony Walker and reported on recent communication.
12. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler contacted Atty. Mark Hazelbaker for legal advice on recovering delinquent omitted tax bills; no update at this time.
13. Video conference for meetings – discuss cost, continuance. The Town Board discussed the cost and purpose for offering the video conference option during the Covid pandemic. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to discontinue the video conference option for both the Plan Commission and Town Board meetings.
14. EMS Board Report. Tom Turk reported the recent reorganization and title changes; the EMS is increasing LTE hours due to the staff shortage.
15. Fire Board Report. Don Ripp reported the purchase of the Jeep, and the fire department would like to replace the UTV.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Fesenfeld Road, omitted tax bill, broadband internet, garage driveway.
17. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk