

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Supervisor Don Ripp was excused. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder, Bill and Brenda Pulvermacher, and Peter Wood.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 2-0
4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 5 meeting. Tom Turk moved Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from July 5 as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Public Comments. Bill Pulvermacher inquired about the status of a recent rezone application.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$212,854.25 Checking: \$27,980.35
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12009-12018, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Plan Commission Report.
 - a. Village Edge, LLC, 1704 Blue Mounds St. – Groundswell Conservation easement, resolution. Town Chair Barb Parrell reported that the proposed resolution is postponed until September.
 - b. Town Comprehensive Plan review. Town Chair Barb Parrell provided a summary of the recent joint meeting with Plan Commission to discuss updates to the Land Use Plan. The next joint meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23.
8. Patrolman's Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported the purchase of a chainsaw; the previous one was unrepairable.
9. Broadband internet service – update. Peter Weil was not in attendance but had provided a letter of correspondence he received from Doug King of Madison Group LLC who is similarly pursuing local broadband service expansion in the area. Peter Weil suggested the Town collaborate with Madison Group LLC in working to facilitate a broadband grant from a local internet service provider (ISP). The board agreed with the recommendation to collaborate with Madison Group LLC.
10. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler submitted documents to the town attorney.

11. FEMA Flood Community Rating System – evaluate program for possible participation. The Town Board reviewed requirements of the program. Further discussion and action is postponed until September.
12. EMS Board Report. No report this month.
13. Fire Board Report. No report this month.
14. Discussion of future agenda items.
15. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk