

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 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 and Peter Wood.
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 Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 6, 2022. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from September 6, 2022, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$296,193.54 Checking: \$19,861.27
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12044-12058, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report.
 - a. Consideration of ordinances: Transfer of Development Rights, Intensive Livestock Operation – update. Town Chair Barb Parrell presented an update on the ordinances that are being considered by the Plan Commission.
 - b. Withdrawal from Dane County Zoning – Letter of Intent. The Town Board discussed the timeline for withdrawal provided by Atty. Mark Hazelbaker. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to send a Notice of Intent to Withdraw from Dane County Zoning to the Dane County Clerk by October 7, 2022, however, by adopting this Motion, the Town has not made a final decision to withdraw. Motion carried. 3-0
 - c. Comprehensive Plan review. No update presented.
8. Village Edge, LLC, 1704 Blue Mounds St. – Groundswell Conservation easement, resolution. The Town Board discussed the conditions in the proposed resolution. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 in support of the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on the Village Edge LLC farm by Groundswell Conservancy, as presented. Motion carried. 2-0 – Parrell abstained.

9. Patrolman's Report. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported the Ford truck will need the fuel tank replaced due to leak, but that there is no estimate available yet; patching Blackberry Road might need to wait until spring due to weather conditions.
10. Broadband internet service – update. No update provided.
11. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented information on recent payments made to the Dane County Treasurer but reported the omitted tax bill remains unpaid to the town.
12. Set date for Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors. The 2023 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors to adopt the levy will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at approximately 6:15 PM. The Town Board meeting will immediately follow at approximately 6:30 PM.
13. EMS Board Report. Supervisor Tom Turk reported there is a new EMS director and explained the budget increase for 2023.
14. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022.
15. Discussion of future agenda items. Omitted tax bill, broadband internet, budget approval.
16. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk