

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:21 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. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings – October 4 and October 6, 2022. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 4 and October 6, 2022, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. Resident Peter Wood inquired about the upcoming election.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$281,271.84 Checking: \$21,821.71
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12059-12066, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. No report this month.
8. Adopt Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance, Chapter 14. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adopt Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance, Chapter 14. Motion carried. 3-0
9. Patrolman’s Report. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported new yard lights at the town garage, and that rental of an arm mower will need to be sourced elsewhere next year.
10. TDS Telecom – request for utility work on Reeve Road. The Town Board reviewed the permit application and plans to install fiber optic cable on part of Reeve Road this fall. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the Utility Work Permit application as submitted by TDS Telecom. Motion carried. 3-0
11. Adopt 2023 Budget. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to adopt the 2023 Town Budget as presented with a levy of \$344,990. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Broadband internet service – update. No update provided.

13. 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. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to direct the town attorney to send a certified letter to property owners. Motion carried. 3-0
14. Newsletter to accompany tax bills. The Town Board reviewed the newsletter that will be included with the tax bills.
15. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022.
16. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022.
17. Discussion of future agenda items. Omitted tax bill, broadband internet.
18. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk