

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp, Tom Turk, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Al Schroeder.
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 – November 1, 2022. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2022, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$284,019.50 Checking: \$13,282.37
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12067-12097, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. Supervisor Don Ripp provided a report of the Plan Commission meeting held on November 22, 2022.
8. Dane County Zoning – discussion/action on withdrawal from County zoning. The Town Board reviewed recent Plan Commission and Town Board discussions. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to remain in Dane County zoning and withdraw the Town's Notice of Intent to Withdraw that was filed on October 4, 2022. Motion carried. 3-0
9. Dane County Ordinance Amendment – Conditional Use permit appeal process. The Town Board reviewed the changes proposed for the Conditional Use Permit appeal process. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded a motion to approve Dane Co. Ordinance Amendment 2022 OA-044. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Patrolman's Report. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported replacing posts for signs; reviewed the bridge inspection report; discussed weight limit sign for Reeve Road bridge; requested bridge repair work be placed on the spring agenda.

11. Broadband internet service – update. No update provided.
12. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented the recommendation from the Town’s attorney. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to direct Atty. Mark Hazelbaker to file a claim in small claims court for the unpaid omitted taxes. Motion carried. 3-0
13. Set Caucus dates – January 2023. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to hold the 2023 Town caucus on Tuesday, January 3, at 6:00 PM with the regular town board meeting to immediately follow. Motion carried. 3-0
14. EMS Board Report. No report this month.
15. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported that fire Air-Packs have been replaced.
16. Convene Closed Session, under WI Stat. 19.85(1)(b) and (c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Tom Turk made the motion and Don Ripp seconded to convene into closed session. The board convened into closed session at 6:58 PM. Roll call vote: Parrell – aye, Ripp – aye, Turk – aye.

Don Ripp made the motion to close the closed session and Tom Turk seconded. Roll call vote: Parrell – aye, Ripp – aye, Turk – aye.
17. Reconvene Open Session per WI Stat. 19.85(2). Tom Turk made a motion to reconvene to open session and Don Ripp seconded. Roll call vote: Parrell – aye, Ripp – aye, Turk – aye. The board reconvened to open session at 7:01 PM.
18. Set employee 2023 compensation. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to change the hourly compensation effective January 1, 2023, for Town Patrolman Al Schroeder to \$28.50 per hour. Motion carried. 3-0

Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to change the annual compensation for Town Clerk to \$20,500 effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried. 3-0
19. Discussion of future agenda items. Omitted tax bill, broadband internet, resolution for ATV referendum.
20. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk