

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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 Steve Parrell.
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 Meetings – January 3, 2023. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2023, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. There were no comments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$925,790.23 Checking: \$16,992.79
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12111-12132, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell provided a report of the Plan Commission meeting held on January 24, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
8. Patrolman’s Report. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder discussed the weight limit sign that the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation authorized for posting for the Reeve Road bridge.
9. Dane Co. Ordinance Amendment 57 – communication tower setback requirements. The Town Board reviewed the proposed text amendments to 2022 OA-57.
10. Insurance – building coverage update. The Town Board reviewed the changes in the insured values for the salt shed and garage buildings. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to accept the updated coverage values for the Town salt shed and garage. Motion carried. 3-0
11. Board of Review training 2023. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will purchase of Board of Review training materials when it becomes available in mid-March.

12. Broadband internet service – update. The Town Board reviewed the letter emailed by Peter Weil, member of Dane County Broadband Task Force and Town of Black Earth Plan Commission, to a local political representative to emphasize the need for improved broadband performance in the area.
13. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented the small claims case documents submitted on behalf of the town by Atty. Mark Hazelbaker to recover the unpaid omitted property tax bill.
14. EMS Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported the department is looking to hire a deputy chief.
15. Fire Board Report. Town Chair Barb Parrell provided the report of the recent fire board meeting.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Omitted tax bill, broadband, road work for 2023.
17. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk