

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 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, Korey Kahl, 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 Meetings – March 7, 2023. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2023, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments. Korey Kahl has a 0.08-acre strip of land near his driveway that needs to be rezoned, per Dane County.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$460,681.75 Checking: \$21,504.57
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12159-12181, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report. Don Ripp presented the Plan Commission's recommendations. The Town Board reviewed the proposed Transfer of Development Rights program and proposed amendments to the town's Land Use Plan.
 - a. Transfer of Development Rights Program. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve including the Transfer of Development Rights program in the Land Use Plan. Motion carried. 3-0
 - b. Land Use Plan amendments. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to the Land Use Plan. Motion carried. 3-0

A public hearing to discuss the proposed Town of Black Earth Land Use Plan to adopt the amendment to the Land Use Plan will be noticed 30 days in advance.

 - c. Plan Commission appointments. Town Chair Barb Parrell reappointed Chuck Bruhn and Paul Wilichowski as Plan Commission members through April 2026, and reappointed Don Ripp to the Plan Commission through April 2025. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to ratify the appointment of Plan Commission members Chuck Bruhn and Paul Wilichowski. Motion carried. 3-0 Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell

seconded the motion to ratify the appointment of Supervisor Don Ripp to the Plan Commission. Motion carried. 2-0 - Ripp abstained.

8. Patrolman's Report.
 - a. Fesenfeld Road culvert. Patrolman Al Schroeder reported the culvert has a hole at the collar and needs to be replaced. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the replacement of the culvert on Fesenfeld Rd. Motion carried. 3-0
9. Road Repair Project – review bids, award asphalt overlay project. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented bid information comparing bids submitted by Payne & Dolan, Tri County, Wolf Paving, and Scott Construction. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the 2023 asphalt overlay project on Midland Road to Payne & Dolan from CTH KP to John Wilkinson Road, totaling \$85,630. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Broadband internet service – update. No updated was provided.
11. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler provided an updated status of the court case.
12. EMS Board Report. Supervisor Tom Turk provided a brief report of the recent meeting.
13. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is in May.
14. Discussion of future agenda items.
15. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk