

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 2023

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order following the first session of Board of Review. Supervisor Barb Parrell and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Supervisor Don Ripp and Treasurer Brenda Kahl were excused. Also in attendance: Korey Kahl, Peter Wood, and Jason Handel.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 2-0
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings – April 13, 2023. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023, as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Public Comments. Jason Handel inquired whether the ATV ordinance would be an agenda item for June. Korey Kahl shared his support of ATV use on town roads.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$463,149.82 Checking: \$11,024.55
 - b. Approval of checks written. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12182-12186, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Plan Commission Report.
 - a. Plan Commission vacancy, appointment. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will send a thank you letter to Tony Danz for his years of serving on the Plan Commission. The Town Board is seeking a replacement for his position.
8. Korey Kahl, 10016 US Highway 14 – shifting of property lines between adjacent landowners, 0.86 acres zoned FP-35 to RM-16, DCPREZ-2023-11940. The Town Board reviewed the application submitted to Dane County Zoning. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the zoning change of 0.86 acres from FP-35 to RM-16. Motion carried. 2-0
9. Cemetery Association Contribution. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the contribution change to the Oak Hill Cemetery from \$500.00 to \$600.00, which was approved by the electors at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion carried. 2-0
10. Patrolman’s Report. Garbage pickup for the town garage will need to be determined.

11. Road Repair Project – revise roadwork plan. The Town Board reconsidered the sections for the roadwork plan due to the culverts. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to amend the 2023 asphalt overlay project on Midland Road, omitting the section that begins at CTH KP and including the section that begins at John Wilkinson Road, amending the total to \$103,040 as per the bid from Payne & Dolan. Motion carried. 2-0
12. Broadband internet service – update. No updated was provided.
13. Omitted property tax bill – update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler provided an updated status of the court case.
14. EMS Board Report.
 - a. Appoint representative. Barb Parrell moved to appoint Tom Turk as town representative to the EMS Board, with Barb Parrell serving as the alternate; Tom Turk seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2-0
15. Fire Board Report.
 - a. Appoint representative. Barb Parrell moved to appoint Don Ripp as town representative to the Black Earth Joint Fire District Board, with Barb Parrell serving as the alternate; Tom Turk seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2-0
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Land Use Plan public hearing, ATV Ordinance draft, zoning applications, garbage pickup.
17. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk