

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Don Ripp, Barb Parrell, 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. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings – June 6, 2023. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2023, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Public Comments – non-agenda items. Peter Wood discussed an article from the Wausau Pilot & Review regarding livestock operations.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$300,019.00 Checking: \$5,827.68
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12209-12222, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission Report.
 - a. Plan Commission vacancy, appointment. The Town Board recognized Paul Wilichowski's service on the Plan Commission and discussed filling the vacancy.
8. Reeve Rd Bridge replacement – WI DOT aid. The Board reviewed the WI Department of Transportation bridge replacement program application for the Reeve Road bridge. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to submit the petition to subsidize the Reeve Road bridge replacement. Motion carried. 3-0
9. Dane Co. Ordinance Amendment OA-010 – Day Care Center limit. Town Board members reviewed the ordinance amendment to update the definition and limit from eight (8) to nine (9) or more children in a “day care center.” The proposed amendment conforms the ordinance with Wis. Stat. §66.1017. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to approve the Dane Co. Zoning Ordinance Amendment OA-010 to authorize day care centers for nine or more children under the age of seven years for less than 24 hours a day and is licensed. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Patrolman's Report. Town Patrolman Al Schroeder reported an estimate of approx. \$5000 for brake work on the Mack truck; ATV road signs have been installed on town roads.

11. Broadband internet service. No update was provided.
12. Omitted property tax bill – court case update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that Atty. Hazelbaker mailed a demand letter in May to collect the judgment after the court case was closed; there has been no response.
13. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is Thursday, July 13, 2023.
14. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is Thursday, July 13, 2023.
15. 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. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to convene a closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation per WI Stat. 19.85(1)(b) and (c). Roll call vote: Barb Parrell – Yes; Don Ripp – Yes; Tom Turk – Yes. Motion carried. 3-0 The closed session convened at 6:48 PM.
16. Reconvene Open Session per WI Stat. 19.85(2). Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to reconvene the open session. Roll call vote: Barb Parrell – Yes; Don Ripp – Yes; Tom Turk – Yes. Motion carried. 3-0 The open session reconvened at 7:16 PM.

Chairman Tom Turk announced two applications received for the Town Patrolman position. The Town Board will convene a special meeting to interview the applicants.
17. Discussion of future agenda items. Town patrolman position, bridge aid application, omitted taxes, broadband.
18. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk