

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 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.
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 Meeting – November 7, 2023. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2023, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$336,372.86 Checking: \$17,248.28
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12274-12291, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
6. Plan Commission – commission member appointment. Chairman Tom Turk has not appointed a new member to the Plan Commission. This appointment will be discussed at the January Town Board meeting.
7. Appoint election officials – 2024-2025. The Town Board reviewed the list of election officials presented by Clerk Stephanie Zwettler. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to appoint Dayna Dreis and Kim Hughes as Chief Election Inspectors and Election Inspectors Michelle Ballweg, Terese Batz, JoAnn Clough, Paul Dynis, Jennifer Klett, Kristi Kuehn, Susan Michaud, Deb Schroeder, Jim Schroeder, and Karalee Turk to serve a two-year term – January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025. Motion carried. 3-0
8. Broadband internet service. The Town Board reviewed a notice from the Dane County Towns Association inviting local officials and the public to two broadband planning meetings in December to introduce Dane County’s new Broadband Coordinator, Jaron McCallum, and cover broadband topics.
9. Omitted property tax bill. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that Attorney Mark Hazelbaker will file paperwork to request a garnishment hearing.
10. EMS Board Report. No report this month.

11. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Don Ripp reported on the discussion of replacing a fire truck and demos of the air packs.
12. Discussion of future agenda items. Broadband internet service, omitted taxes, insurance policy review, Plan Commission member appointment.
13. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk