

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Supervisor Barb Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Don Ripp, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Cody Eastman and Town Chair Tom Turk attended via teleconference.
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 – December 5, 2023. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Financial Report.
  - a. Money Market: \$974,878.43                      Checking: \$27,610.83
  - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12292-12303, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
6. Patrolman’s Report. Road Patrolman Cody Eastman reported that the garage office has been painted and that he spoke with the loggers on Lilly Valley Road regarding the trees and right-of-way clean-up.
7. Dane Co. Emergency Management – sheltering information. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler explained the sheltering criteria and information requested. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded a motion to authorize the Clerk to submit the Local Municipal Support Location information for the Town to Dane Co. Emergency Management. Motion carried.
8. Dane Co. Ordinance Amendment OA-068 – conditional use permit and rezoning processes. The Town Board will discuss the proposed amendment at the February meeting.
9. Insurance – annual renewals, coverage report. Town Board members reviewed the quote with updates by Rural Mutual and discussed the covered equipment. Don Ripp moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to accept the quote as presented and submit the list of new equipment for coverage in the policy to Rural Mutual. Motion carried. 3-0
10. Broadband internet service. No updates were provided.
11. Omitted property tax bill. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that the garnishment hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2024.

12. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024.
13. Fire Board Report. The meeting is scheduled for next week.
14. 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. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to convene a closed session. Roll call vote: Barb Parrell – Yes; Don Ripp – Yes; Tom Turk – Yes. Motion carried. 3-0 The closed session convened at 6:58 PM.
15. Reconvene Open Session per WI Stat. 19.85(2). Tom Turk 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 7:25 PM.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Dane County Ordinance amendment, HSA contribution, omitted taxes.
17. Adjourn. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk