

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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: Cody Eastman, Steve Parrell, 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 Meeting – January 2, 2024. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2024, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$947,203.53 Checking: \$22,505.46
 - b. Approval of checks written. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12304-12329, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
6. Patrolman’s Report.
 - a. Backup road patrolman. Road Patrolman Cody Eastman discussed the need for a backup patrolman during March-April to cover an emergency maternity absence. The Town Board reviewed WI Stat. 102.23(7): for towns with a population under 3,000, a CDL is not required for a driver substituting for a municipality’s regular snowplow driver who holds a valid CDL. A possible backup driver will be contacted for availability.
Road Patrolman Cody Eastman will review the DOT website for information on installing weight limit signs for town roads during spring and reported that the salt shed door needed to be repaired.
7. HSA contribution for Town Road Patrolman. Town Board members reviewed the healthcare premium changes as discussed by Road Patrolman Cody Eastman. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to end the \$600 monthly contribution to the HSA Bank account after the February 2024 contribution and begin a \$300 monthly, taxable healthcare stipend beginning on the March 15, 2024 paycheck. Motion carried.
8. Review new equipment options and scheduling. Town Chair Tom Turk presented information received from Middleton Ford for a 2024 Ford F450 and F550 to replace the town’s 2004 F450. The truck’s current conditions and mileage were discussed. The Board requested additional bid information to replace the truck and to include checking the used truck market.
9. Dane Co. Ordinance Amendment OA-068 – conditional use permit and rezoning processes. The Town Board reviewed the proposed amendment to establish more precise limits for resubmittals

of CUP and rezone petitions and to update other ordinance language. Barb Parrell moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to approve Dane Co. Zoning Ordinance Amendment OA-068. Motion carried. 3-0

10. Board of Review training 2024. Town Board members reviewed training options for 2024.
11. Horribly Hilly Hundreds – event permit. The Town Board reviewed the event permit application submitted by the event organizer scheduled for June 15, 2024. Tom Turk moved and Don Ripp seconded the motion to approve the Horribly Hilly Hundreds event permit, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
12. Broadband internet service. No update this month.
13. Omitted property tax bill. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that Attorney Mark Hazelbaker is waiting for payment confirmation from the court.
14. EMS Board Report. Town Chair Tom Turk reported that Camden Parman has been hired as Interim Director of Dane County District One EMS.
15. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that the department is discussing a spending schedule for new vehicles.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. Truck bids, omitted taxes, Land Division ordinance amendment, and driveway application.
17. Adjourn. Don Ripp moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk