

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM. Supervisor Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Don Ripp was excused. Also in attendance: Cody Eastman, Steve Parrell, Susan Michaud, Steve and Lisa Fogel, Christina Ryan, Joann Bennett, Chuck Bruhn, and Peter Weil.
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 4, 2024. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2024, as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items. Susan Michaud inquired about funding Northwest Dane Senior Services. Peter Weil reported road damage to Lily Valley Road from recent logging activity and discussed the need for a culvert on a field road near the intersection of Turkey Road and Lily Valley Road.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$396,843.78 Checking: \$17,088.70
 - b. Approval of checks written. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12381-12396, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Plan Commission.
 - a. Steve & Lisa Fogel, approx. 5439 Midland Rd – driveway construction permit. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell presented the Plan Commission’s recommendation for approval. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the driveway construction permit as submitted by Steve and Lisa Fogel. Motion carried. 2-0
 - b. Michael & Christina Ryan, 124 Main St – Conditional Use Permit – transient/tourist lodging to allow short-term rental, DCPCUP-2024-02616. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell presented the Plan Commission’s recommendation for approval. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow transient/tourist lodging for short-term rental at 124 Main Street as presented by owners Michael and Christina Ryan. Motion carried. 2-0
 - c. Solar Energy System Licensing Ordinance – update. The Plan Commission will continue to develop an ordinance for solar energy systems.

- d. Plan Commission appointment. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to appoint Joann Bennett to the Plan Commission to fill the vacancy on the Commission through April 2026.

8. Road repair projects – review bids, award projects. The Town Board reviewed the bids for seal coating and hot mix overlay projects. Barb Parrell moved, and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the hot mix overlay project to Scott Construction, with the lowest bidder of 1500 feet for \$31,290.00, and select the quoted alternate to overlay 2400 feet for \$50,064.00. Motion carried.
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9. Patrolman’s Report. Patrolman Cody Eastman reported that he will be cleaning up trees and cold patching; he also reported incidents of ballpark visitors parking in front of the town garage doors and noted that the local police department had been notified.

10. Broadband internet service. Peter Weil presented updated broadband service information, discussed new funding sources for providers, and announced Jaron McCallum as the new Broadband Coordinator for Dane County.

11. Omitted property tax bill. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented information from Attorney Mark Hazelbaker regarding the funds due to the Town.

12. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is May 9, 2024.

13. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is May 9, 2024.

14. Discussion of future agenda items. Lily Vally Road damage, budget.

15. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk