

Town of Black Earth
DRAFT Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2024

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Cody Eastman, Steve Parrell, Vern Wendt and Susan Michaud.

Moment of Silence. Chairman Turk requested a Moment of Silence to honor recently passed Town Supervisor Don Ripp.

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 – May 7, 2024. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2024, as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items. Vern Wendt expressed concerns regarding incorrect assessment values and suggested that residents request a detailed property valuation list of their assessments.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$389,022.87 Checking: \$18,684.05
 - b. Approval of checks written. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12397-12403, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Plan Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18 to discuss a solar energy ordinance.
8. Patrolman’s Report. Patrolman Cody Eastman reported 37 downed trees in the town from the recent storm; he plans to rent a boom to aid in cutting up trees and use a chipper with assistance from the Town of Berry patrolman. Patrolman Eastman also reported leaving a message with Scott Construction inquiring about the paving project on Reeve Road.
 - a. Lily Valley Road – review damage. Patrolman Eastman provided an update and reported a recent evaluation of the road.
9. 2024 Road repairs, equipment, budget – review costs to date. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented costs incurred year to date for capital equipment purchases. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to amend the 2024 budget to move \$82,211 to the Road Construction budget and pay \$14,392 for the loan payment to Peoples Community Bank. Motion carried. 2-0

10. Reeve Road bridge replacement - WI DOT aid update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented the letter from WI DOT approving the Town of Black Earth's application for the federal fiscal year 2024-2029 Local Bridge Assistance Program funding. The State Municipal Agreement and program schedule will be made available at a future date.
11. Omitted property tax bill. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that Attorney Hazelbaker is awaiting a response from Lake Ridge Bank.
12. EMS Board Report. Chairman Tom Turk reported new board members.
13. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that the Fire Department is discussing a new vehicle for 2028.
14. Discussion of future agenda items. Omitted tax bill, broadband update, Lily Valley Road damage, and Town Board and Plan Commission appointments.
15. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk