

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

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM following the Board of Review Hearing. Supervisor Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Cody Eastman, Dayna Dreis, 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 Meeting – June 4, 2024. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2024, as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Public Comments – non-agenda items. None presented.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$364,560.42 Checking: \$19,893.44
 - b. Approval of checks written. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12404-12417, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 2-0
7. Plan Commission.
 - a. Solar Energy Licensing Ordinance – update. Supervisor Barb Parrell provided an update on the solar energy ordinance development and discussions from the recent Plan Commission meeting.
 - b. Plan Commission vacancy, appointment. Chairman Tom Turk appointed Tom Ripp to the Plan Commission to fill the vacancy on the Commission through April 2026 and Barb Parrell ratified the appointment. Motion carried. 2-0
8. Town Board vacancy, appointment. Town Chair Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to appoint Joann Bennett as Supervisor I to fill the vacancy on the Town Board through April 2025. Roll call vote: Tom Turk – yes; Barb Parrell – yes; Clerk Stephanie Zwettler – yes. Motion carried. 3-0
9. Patrolman’s Report. Patrolman Cody Eastman reported that Boehnen Excavating will be fixing the washouts on a section of Reeve Road this week, and Reeve Road was paved and shouldered by Scott Construction per the contract; a low shoulder sign will be posted until the gravel settles.
 - a. Lily Valley Road – review damage. Patrolman Eastman will fill potholes, add gravel, and repair the edge of pavement with cold patch.

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10. Broadband internet service. No update was available.
11. Omitted property tax bill. No update was available.
12. EMS Board Report. The next meeting is July 11, 2024.
13. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is July 11, 2024.
14. Discussion of future agenda items. Insurance policy amendment, omitted tax bill, broadband update, town patrolman position.
15. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk