

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JANUARY 16, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Charlie Barney., Supervisor II Erik Henningsgard, Clerk Sally Pickard and Treasurer Cindy Nelson were also present. Supervisor I George Fowler was absent.

The reading of the meeting notice pursuant to Wisconsin Stats. 19.83 was made.

**Agenda: A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Chairman Barney to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed unanimously – 2 yes.**

**Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Chairman Barney to approve the December 19, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously – 2 yes.**

**Vouchers: A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard seconded by Chairman Barney to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously –2 yes.**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Received the preliminary Code of Ordinances from Attorney Alan Harvey for review and then set up a time to meet with him to go over any additions or changes. He needed to know when we were given Village powers so had to go back through the old minutes to find this information. They were granted at the annual meeting on April 4, 1972. It was interesting reading those old minutes.

Building inspector contracts are here for signing. Attorney Scott has been in contact with Dan Kegley and things are now correct. They have been approved, just need signatures.

Randy Prochnow is looking at having Open Book on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with Board of Review being held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, which is our regular meeting date.

MSHA training – Both Kent and Ryan will need to go. Kent will check and see if Garfield is holding one again. He will let Clerk know.

Town's Association will be covering the in person training for election security at their quarterly meeting, so Clerk will be attending.

Got a bill for a garage fire, but they are a resident of the town. A letter has been sent indicating if not paid, it will go on the tax roll.

A bill, not on the list tonight is for the truck being hauled down to Eau Claire. Payment is requested prior to our next meeting, so check will be issued for payment.

Clerk raised the issue as to a resolution/ordinance on what is the minimum to refund on overpaid real estate taxes. Clerk will check with Tim Scott to see if has to be done at the annual meeting or if it can be done at a regular meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Beginning bank balance was \$119,650.40 with deposits of \$53,545.24 including \$25.84 in interest. Checks written were \$20,462.18 as well as \$2,338.71 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding leaving a balance as of December 31, 2019 of \$150,394.75; Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$30.73; Money Market earned interest of \$148.73 which leaves a balance of \$140,239.00; 6 month CD #30 earned \$13.61 interest with a balance of \$12,282.79; 6 month CD #32 earned interest of \$40.19 for a balance of \$40,784.89. Total of all accounts on December 31, 2019 is \$343,732.16.

Tax money coming in pretty good

January settlement checks have been sent out.

One outstanding check - \$415.57

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**George Fowler:** Absent

**Erik Henningsgard:** Has had calls again about plowing. Truck was down again this month. So missed some opportunities to get roads down to blacktop when we had some warmer days. Kent commented that if you don't have a way to sand after the grader comes through road is very slippery. Learned that the hard way. Almost better to leave it slushy.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Work continues on updating the Comprehensive Plan. Getting real close.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Got a call from a resident tax payer complaining about his assessment and the fact that it wasn't changed and threatened to bring junk cars and leave them.

Received a map from the Census Dept to confirm that the boundaries are correct, so passed this on to the Clerk.

Because of the issues we have continually had with the truck we need to do something. In fact, it has to be brought down again for more repairs. The last conversation didn't go well with the company and the 2011-2013 years when they had to bring out DEF fluid for emissions and it's not just Mack, it is all trucks purchased in those years. We have a resident interested in purchasing the truck so will get some numbers and see what can be worked out. Going up to Polk County with Kent and look at a Western Star truck that they have. The previous Mack was such a good truck, so not sure what the Town will do.

Got a call from Larry Kuhl inquiring about taxes for Countryside Co-op and road right of way being sold to the City of Amery so they can develop an industrial park south of town on Hwy 46.

Wanted to know if it would raise their taxes. Part of the road is on land owned by the Co-op and located in the Town of Black Brook. This would allow them to hook-up to sewer and water, but that is not the case for property located in the Town. The Industrial Park will be good for all of the surrounding areas.

Question raised about dumpster costs and Watermans have raised their rates so comparable. 3D is a town resident so will stay with them.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update Comprehensive Plan.** No update on the plan itself – discussion continues.

**Update on clean up complaint at 547 Hwy 46.** No change. Not sure if the county has done anything so Chairman will call county/zoning and see what is going on. There was a trailer heading out, but not sure if it was taking a load out or brought in a new load. Didn't pay taxes last year, not sure about this year so could end up back as county problem.

**Update on Election Day Emergency Response Plan.** Chairman talked to the Village of Clear Lake and if we need to, we can go into their library. Clerk will update plan and get it sent in.

**Review and Approve Joint Agreement Maintenance Agreement** Due to the fact that Attorney Scott has been ill, he hasn't been able to get anything put together. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Chairman Barney to table the Joint Maintenance Agreement to the February meeting. Motion passed unanimously 2-yes.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion regarding Changing date for February 20, 2020 meeting.** Clerk will be out of town for the February meeting as well as the primary and wanted the board to be aware of it. **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to change the February meeting date to February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

**A Motion by Supervisor Henningsgard seconded by Chairman Barney to adjourn to the Thursday, February 27, 2020 meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. 2 yes.**

Respectfully submitted,



Charlie Barney, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk