

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 27, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Charlie Barney. Supervisor I George Fowler, Supervisor II Erik Henningsgard, Clerk Sally Pickard and Treasurer Cindy Nelson were also present.

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

Agenda: A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.

Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.

Vouchers: A motion by Supervisor Fowler seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously –3 yes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

One election down, at least three (3) more to go, but most likely 4. The Presidential primary is in April and Special Election in May and then possible primary in August and General Election in November. There was a bit of excitement to start the day, but it resolved quickly. I want to thank Erik and the rest of the election inspectors for doing a great job when I was gone.

Clerk raised the issue as to a resolution/ordinance on what is the minimum to refund on overpaid real estate taxes. Attorney said the amount should cover the cost of sending out refund so looking at \$10.00. This will be put on agenda for next month.

WITC is looking for board members. 3 yr terms to start June 30, 2020. Let Clerk know if interested. Information will be on bulletin board as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$ 150,394.75 with deposits of \$1,101,998.29 including \$126.34 in interest. Checks written were \$473,348.76 as well as \$2,192.25 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding leaving a balance as of January 31, 2020 of \$776,852.03; Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$30.74; Money Market earned interest of \$148.48 which leaves a balance of \$140,387.48; 6 month CD #30 earned \$12.23 interest with a balance of \$12,295.02; 6 month CD #32 earned interest of \$41.45 for a balance of \$40,826.34. Total of all accounts on January 31, 2020 is \$970,391.61.

February settlement checks have been sent out.

Two outstanding checks - \$91.30

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Had another meeting regarding the fire commission last week. There is some urgency with the City of Amery. They are having another meeting on Monday before board meeting on Wednesday. They want it to be a committee appointed by the Mayor, which would be right back to square one and we would just be advisory. Told them at the last meeting that they had to decide if they were willing to give up control and let it become an association or the work that has been done is for naught as nothing will change. We are only 10%, but they are taking another big chunk of money out of the tax base by buying Bremer Bank. They are looking at what the Village of Grantsburg has been operating with. A lot of discussion took place regarding this issue. Supervisor Fowler asked if Atty. Tim Scott would look at the agreement from Grantsburg. Attorney will also send a copy of an agreement he has previously drafted for the meeting on Monday.

Supervisor Fowler also asked for copies of loan documents and what equipment was on each loan. We should be paid in full so don't want to pay twice.

Erik Henningsgard: Nothing

PLANNING COMMISSION: Work continues on updating the Comprehensive Plan

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman and Kent went down to Universal Truck Equipment near Galesville WI to look at how they make their trucks. Chairman was very impressed with the tour and the quality. They took them right through the factory so could talk to the employees on how they attach things. Looking at going with a stainless box this time. Mack wanted us to go a transmission driven pump for hydraulics and they convinced us to go with front driven pump, if done right – best way to go and longest lasting. They think the reason we have problems is it isn't in alignment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Comprehensive Plan. No update on the plan itself – discussion continues. It should be done this year.

Update on clean up complaint at 547 Hwy 46 and Boe properties. Polk County sent out letters Feb 6th to property owners giving deadlines to have property cleaned up.

Review and Approve Revised draft of Road Maintenance and Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with the Town of Alden regarding 120th Street. Discussion with regard to the draft made by Attorney Scott, there needs to be a few minor changes made regarding mowing and plowing of certain areas. Attorney will talk to Alden and make changes and we will sign agreement once changes have been done. For the record, Supervisor Fowler doesn't agree with this, but feels it is in our best interest to sign it as it is with the minor changes. Chairman Barney

will go over the changes with Keith Karpenske and let Atty Scott know what they are to make the changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Begin discussion and review of Codification of Ordinances: Attorney Scott has done this with many towns so strongly encourages them to start reading. It is overwhelming so we will start by reviewing all of Title 1 and Chapter 1-3 of Title for discussion at the April meeting. Watch for incorrect names, or things you don't understand or haven't don't things this way or that, or why do we need something. These books can be marked with questions.

Discussion/decision regarding the purchase of a used plow truck to have a spare. Chairman Barney looked at 2007 Tandem axel Mack with 282,000 for \$51,900 and not happy with Mack anyway and a 2007 Single Axle International. It only has 75,464 miles and has pretty much everything we need on it for \$42,900.00. Our Mack truck is up at the **A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to purchase 2007 International for \$42,900. Row call-Henningsgard-Aye, Fowler,-Aye, Barney-Aye. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

In addition, Chairman Barney will do some checking on the cost of a new truck and will bring this up at the Annual meeting and sell the Mack so with our equipment fund and the Equipment CDs and sale of the truck; we are looking at about \$130,000.00. Question raised as to why the used International, with so few miles, was traded in. It was part of a fleet from the City of Anoka and they trade every so many years.

Chairman Barney will be gone for the month of March so we will have a brief meeting to just pay bills. We will hold off on review of the ordinances at the April meeting. There was additional discussion as to when to hold the Plan Commission and the April meeting due to the fact that the Annual Meeting is the Tuesday following our regular monthly meeting.

A Motion by Chairman Barney seconded by Supervisor Fowler to postpone the March meeting until March 26th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.

A Motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler, to hold the Plan Commission on April 16th at 6:00 p.m.

A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to hold the April meeting immediately following the annual meeting which by statute if April 21st. The annual meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlie Barney, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk