

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 15, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 September 17, 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:

Gearing up for the November 3rd election. Absentee ballot requests and new registrations continue to come in. At this point, ALL ballots need to be in by 8:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots that have been sent are being returned and the mailbox at the house is getting used as well. Working on a socially distant set-up and how to clean voting booths. New Insight machine should be very helpful. Trying to figure out what to do with election boxes and whether or not we need to keep them. Will also contact the county so they don't bring recycling bins until after the election on the 3rd.

Final population is 1359.

Got notification from the Dept of Safety & Professional Services regarding a building being constructed by Riverwalk LLC at 537 Hwy 46.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$233,569.09 with deposits of \$1,247.69 with \$16.69 in interest. Checks written were \$123,876.86 as well as \$2,167.23 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding leaving a balance as of September 30, 2020 of \$108,772.69; Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$30.82. Money Market earned interest of \$92.54 which leaves a balance of \$141,122.11; 6 month CD #30 earned \$3.14 interest with a balance of \$12,352.78; 6 month CD #32 earned interest of \$22.60 for a balance of \$41,075.47. Total of all accounts on September 30, 2020 is \$303,446.41

4 outstanding checks - \$1,069.66

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Will talk about fire dept – had a meeting on Tuesday.

Erik Henningsgard: Nothing

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Comprehensive Plan. No meeting.

Continue discussion and review of Codification of Ordinances, including approval of Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Building Codes: Didn't hear anything from Alan Harvey. Clerk talked to Atty Tim Scott and expressed our frustration, but we don't want to get in trouble for our ordinances not being in compliance. Apparently Mr Harvey had a death in the family. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to table until next month. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

Discussion/decision regarding enforcement of existing Town Ordinances: Atty Tim Laux is working on a contract for the Village of Clear Lake. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to table until next month. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

Discussion/update/decision regarding increasing Town Liability Insurance. Due to Attorney Tim Scott not being available, we will wait until next month. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to table until next month. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

Discussion/update/decision regarding the Amery Fire Department Cooperative. Supervisor Fowler attended a meeting this past Tuesday. Handed out information he got at the meeting. Paul Molleck, city attorney is working on this. It will be a fire committee and a written agreement. We won't do payroll, but we will be involved in setting the budget and purchase of equipment. The committee will consist of 2 from City of Amery, 2 from Town of Lincoln, 1 from Black Brook and 1 from Alden. Right now, Lincoln is 48% of budget, City of Amery is like 35-37%, we are like 9% and Alden is 6%. The budget will be the same for next year. Will be needing some different trucks coming up so it will help that more people will be looking for things. The committee approved the proposed budget that will go to the City for approval in November. The contract will need to be drafted so that it has some teeth and that the City will have to abide by it. May need to have Atty Tim Scott work on it for us. Still hasn't been able to see who is still on the hook for the debt remaining. Lincoln is concerned that we pay for the capital expenses, but don't own any of it. The question will be who will sign the note. It is a start and going in the right direction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/decision regarding donation for Deer Park First Responders. At the last meeting of the Deer Park Fire Dept. the First Responders were saying that they were struggling to raise funds.

Asking for \$300. We have made donations in the past. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard seconded by Supervisor Fowler to give the Deer Park First Responders a \$300.00 donation. Roll call Fowler-Aye, Henningsgard – Aye, Barney – Aye. motion passed 3 yes.**

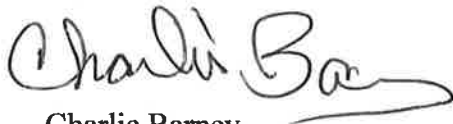
Discussion/decision regarding setting amount refunded for over-paid taxes beginning with 2020 taxes levied in 2021. This was discussed earlier in the year as to what to do with people who have small amounts over-paid on their taxes. After discussion as to the amount it was agreed that \$10 was reasonable. **A Motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler that any overpayment on real estate taxes that is \$10 or less, it will – go to general fund and no refund will be given. This will begin in 2021 and going forward Motion passed unanimously, 3 yes.**

Set Date and Time for Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of Electors to Approve the Levy. We go back to a 7:00 meeting time in November as daylight savings is the first weekend in November. **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to hold the 2021 budget meeting on November 19th to begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Special meeting of electors to approve the levy and the transfer of monies from the money marked to general fund for payment of the new truck. The regular meeting of the board of Supervisors will follow the special meeting of electors.**

A Motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard, to adjourn to November 19, 2020 meeting immediately following the budget hearing and special meeting of electors, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlie Barney
Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk