

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 19, 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: Supervisor Fowler would like to add to the agenda discussion regarding the Amery Fire Dept. Group. **A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard, to approve the agenda with the agenda with the amendment. Motion passed unanimously—3 yes.**

Minutes: **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the October 15, 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:

Survived the November 3rd election. We had only about 130 people of voting age that **did not** vote in this election.

We received a report from a person who is renting a home and is concerned unsafe living conditions, however, at this time we don't have an ordinance relating to this, so it falls to the county. They were contacted about the situation and said it was already on their radar and they were working with the homeowner.

Got information from Xcel about energy programs – may want to look at this for the building, up to \$4000 incentives. Also, received information about a grant writing seminar coming up on December 17th through the extension. Wondering if there is anything there for roads. Will look at what is available. There are also the local programs too. Will look and see if anything is available. Attorney Tim Scott commented that not matter who is in charge, roads are going to be a big issue and encourages clerk and Erik to see what it out there. Shoulders are a big issue as well, which is why some places are going to curbs to keep them off the edges.

Also, received an e-mail from Glen Clausen asking about getting some housekeeping things done. Painting, getting rid of the old piano, chairs, etc. There is a floor place in Amery that re-does floors and hire someone to paint. But we need to go through files to determine what needs to be kept.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$108,772.69 with deposits of \$37,127.94 with \$10.30 in interest. Checks written were \$54,152.23 as well as \$2,059.27 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding leaving a balance as of October 31, 2020 of \$89,689.13; Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$30.83. Money Market earned interest of \$95.69 which leaves a balance of \$141,310.34; 6 mo. CD #30 earned \$3.04 interest with a balance of \$12,355.82; 6 mo. CD #32

earned interest of \$21.88 for a balance of \$41,097.35. Total of all accounts on October 31, 2020 is \$284,483.47.

CD #32 matured on Sunday. Treasurer will be transfer to general checking as this is part of our equipment fund.

4 outstanding checks - \$1,442.70.

Cleaned out old files from home and brought them here and then went through old files here that aren't needed.

Also, there is an issue of an unpaid culvert and driveway permit. Chairman will deal with this. He will get a copy of the bill from Ryan.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Nothing.

Erik Henningsgard: Nothing

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following e-mail was received for public comments: First I want to express my appreciation of Sally Pickard for making the election as flawless and professional as possible and making sure training was done, The machines were in top notch shape and voter management was secure. safe and well explained. Sally is exceptional and I think I can speak for all of us who worked the election that Sally deserves our thanks.

Second, I am asking if we can get some housekeeping done. The walls show cracks, the paint is peeling, the floors need wax, there are several old, unused files taking up space and some old theater seats(should go on ebay) a piano and other assorted unprofessional looking items. There is basement space for things that need to be kept. I realize the building is seldom used and everyone is busy but someone could be hired to spruce up the town hall. We have a good Town, and we could present ourselves better. Thank you. Glen Clausen

Dale Wood made comment about road and making sure we keep up with pocket gophers as they make a real mess of things. This is why we will have a bounty on them. Another thing to be aware of is the rising water tables. Clerk made comment that beavers have plugged culvert on 60th again.

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. New draft just came today. At the recommendation of Attorney Scott, table this to December as there are two other ordinances that we should approve along with this. Clerk expressed frustration as to how long this is taking. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to table discussion and**

review of Codification of Ordinances, including approval of Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Building Codes until next month. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.

Discussion/decision regarding enforcement of existing Town Ordinances and adoption of Amery Municipal Court Ordinance.: Still working on a contract for the Village of Clear Lake and agreement with Atty Kate Murtaugh. **A motion by Chairman Barney seconded by Supervisor Fowler to table until next month. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

Discussion/update/decision regarding increasing Town Liability Insurance. Discussion as to what our liability limits need to be. Some are suggesting \$5 million, some say \$3 million. Chairman feels \$3 million is enough. Clerk will check and see what the different costs are and we will discuss 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 creation of an Advisory Joint Fire Committee. Supervisor Fowler brought a proposal to review. This committee is going to be appointed by the Amery Mayor, but when the question was raised as to whose liability insurance covered them, it got quiet, so clerk will check on this as well. Atty Scott made comment about the pay equity issue with the Town of Richmond/United Fire. We also need to know whose liability insurance would cover this committee. Clerk raised question as to whether this would be considered a volunteer fire dept. does that change our liability? No. **A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded Chairman Barney to approve Resolution 2-2020 Related to the Creation of an Advisory Joint Fire Committee. Roll call: Henningsgard – Aye -Fowler – Aye ; Barney Aye. Resolution 2-2020 passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to accept the 2021 budget as presented. Roll call: Henningsgard – Aye -Fowler – Aye; Barney Aye. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.

Holiday Gifts. A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to keep holiday gifts the same as last year. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.

Question raised as to whether there is a hot spot here at the town hall or not. Chairman will check on this.

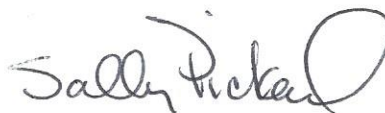
A Motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard, to adjourn to December 17, 2020 which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlie Barney
Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk