

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 18, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor II, Dale Wood, Clerk, Sally Pickard and Treasurer, Carrie Blanchard, were also present. Supervisor I, George Fowler was absent.

The meeting began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the meeting notice, pursuant to Wisconsin Stats. 19.83 was made by the Chairman.

Agenda: A motion by Supervisor Wood seconded by Chairman Henningsgard, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously—2 yes.

Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Wood seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to approve the July 21, 2022, minutes. Motion passed unanimously. - 2 yes.

Vouchers: A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve the vouchers and pay the bill. Motion passed unanimously – 2 yes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Deer Park Fire Dept Annual Meeting is coming up on September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Population estimates as of 1-1-2022 is 1435.

Got information about possible grants and grant writing seminars.

Northwood Technical College is looking for a new board member if anyone is interested.

Got information about assessed values for the Town and guessing we will be in line for a full re-evaluation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$335,597.21, with deposits of \$48,636.56 including \$31.01 in interest. Checks written were \$25,295.76 leaving a balance as of July 31, 2022, of \$358,938.01. Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$32.70. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$36.73 for a balance of \$61,813.02; Money Market #03 for ARPA funds earned interest of \$35.21 for a balance of \$69,137.49. Total of all accounts on July 31, 2022, is \$489,921.22.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Absent

Dale Wood: Getting calls about 39 ½ Ave complaining that we aren't grading it and advised that it is not a town road. Checked it out and found out that was correct.

Got a call from logging company who is logging DNR land and asked if they could put some equipment in the ditch, so they didn't wreck the road. Told him to go ahead.

Went to the meeting down in Baldwin and there was talk about if we have a permit fee for the company who installs the fiber optics so if they don't clean up the area there is money to pay for it. Some are saying they aren't cleaning up and hitting rocks – so to get money up front so if there is an issue, it is covered.

Also brought up that the State needs to start funneling money to this part of the state for the ambulance services due to the increased cost of drugs they need to administer and the fact that they are requiring the national test to be an EMT and it is turning them away.

ROAD REPORT: Got new tires put on both tractors.

CHIEF'S REPORT. Waiting to hear back from building inspector on some of the properties.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Got an estimate from Miller Bradford regarding repairs for the 2005 loader to get it back up and running. Mention was made to get in touch with neighboring municipalities to order filters in bulk or swap time and have someone come and look at it before spending \$12000 to fix it. Also maybe check on helping with culverts.

Fahrner will be crack sealing toward end of September

Scott will be doing work in early September.

Talked to Dan Fedderly, the engineer, about 60th Ave., and he was trying to push it out to 2024 because he thought things may come down in price. We have the funding in place, so we want to proceed. He also suggested possibly using recycled product on the base layer and then you can use less new material and it seems to hold up well. Alden has done this on a heavier traveled road, and it has held up. Supervisor Wood wanted to know about contacting the guy wanting to demo his tree cutting equipment. He will see what he can get set up.

We did not get the STP grant for 95th. They had an abundance of applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Question asked about the Town having a PO box that goes with the treasurer for tax payments. Treasurer will get something set up in Amery. This will be used for tax purposes.

Question raised about where we are at with the re-codification process. Do we want to do an all-day session to try and get it done. Chief offered to help get this moving along to get it up on the website.

Also question about forms for people to have work done or complaints about things. They are done and Aaron has a copy. Will put on agenda to review and approve next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review Chapter 14 Subdivision & Planning Ordinance #2021** Giving up on Harvey doing anything with this. Had discussed basically staying with county zoning with us keeping our 2 acre minimum, which is more restrictive than the county. **A motion by Supervisor Wood seconded by Chairman Henningsgard, to postpone discussion. Motion passed unanimously. 3Yes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Occupancy issues/updates – 692 25th Ave. and 1099 3rd Ave.** We were contacted by a real estate agent about the possible listing for 692 25th Ave. and it came to light that there was no building permit. He has been working with the inspector, but when they did an inspection, it was found that the “living” area would need to be gutted and start over. He indicated that he was intending to build a new home on the property so we were willing to let him have a year to get it built, but then the interior would need to be removed. A letter was sent, and a copy sent to the County and the County said no. It was built as an accessory building and need to vacate the sleeping quarters by September 18th, 2022.

1099 3rd Ave. This is the house that moved in on the corner of 3rd Ave and Hwy 46. Originally, there was a building permit that issued to Ben Boe. That has since expired. The building is now owned by Christopher Linebaugh. The issue is there was no occupancy inspection done and there are multiple known violations and is not occupiable even though someone is living there. It is also currently in litigation. The building inspector has been in contact with the owner and just wants to be able to get in a do an inspection, which they did allow. There was also some concern that they were going to let the house go back for a short sale, but taxes are current. We did have a three (3) way call with the building inspector about this issue.

The Chair also got a call about the homes on the west side of 46. The frontage road is no longer there. Apparently, there was an ambulance call, and they were trying to get to the home from the south and they had to back out and go in from the north. Chairman explained that this was not a town road, but an easement and the owner and neighbor had a disagreement, so they closed off the easement.

Also, still the issue on Hwy 46 just south of Amery.

3. **Discussion regarding appointed vs elected clerk and treasurer.** This has been brought up before going to an appointed clerk vs elected clerk for continuity purposes and allow for being able to interview a candidate vs someone just being elected. More for the Clerk’s position than the treasurer, just because the Clerk’s position is much more complicated. Question also raised about going to a 5-person board. The board needs to create a referendum and then it is brought to a vote by residents at a

town meeting and then it is put on the ballot for the next term. Would need to have had something on agenda tonight for it to be in place for the next election cycle. Just something to start thinking about.

4. **60th Ave – Westconsin Credit Union loan signature authority.** This was requested by the credit union that it appear in minutes as to who can sign the loan documents. **A Motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood that the Town Chairman, Town Clerk or the Town Treasurer may sign loan documents. Motion passed 2 yes.**

5. **Begin budget discussions.** Basically, the only monies we can really change is our road maintenance budget. Next year we will also have a loan payment for 60th Ave. Question about insulating the shed to save money for heating costs -also talked about adding on to the shed. Need to look at these things. Board went out to look at the current situation in the shed. We do have some AARP funds we can use. Dale and Aaron will contact several contractors to give us some ideas and costs for insulating the shed and as to what they would recommend and the cost. Also cost to fir the walls 8' up and insulate. Also, issue with the big door sealing Maybe look at some other sheds to see what they have as well.

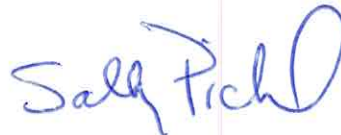
A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to adjourn to the September 15, 2022, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erik Henningsgard, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk