

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APRIL 19, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor I George Fowler, Supervisor II Dale Wood, Clerk Sally Pickard and Treasurer Cindy Nelson were also present. There were several residents present for the meeting as well.

The meeting began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

**Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Wood seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the March 24, 2022 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

**A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on April 6, 2022. Motion passed unanimously–3 yes**

**Vouchers: A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve the vouchers and pay the bill with the added check. Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Cemetery: We had received a letter from Bill Scott indicating that the sign we have on the cemetery (Maple Hill) is incorrect as it was called Hazel Hill Cemetery. He asked that we change the name of the cemetery to correctly reflect the name. I inquired of the Register of Deeds as to the name of the cemetery in the Town and they indicated it was the Elim Lutheran Cemetery. More research will be needed to determine the correct name. Will reach out to Bill Scott and see what he might have to support his statement.

It came to light at the last election that there was a parcel of land that was identified with the School District of Clear Lake, but it was on the west side of Hwy 46, which is not part of the Clear Lake School District. The State of Wisconsin was contacted and based on information they found, it was an error made when land was added several years ago. I believe the issue has been resolved through the county and State.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning bank balance was \$304,734.12, with deposits of \$7,767.41 with \$12.43 in interest. Checks written were \$30,844.89 as well as \$2,233.84 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding, leaving a balance as of March 31, 2022, of \$279,422.80. Savings earned .00 interest for a balance of \$32.68. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$20.95 for a balance of \$61,699.52; Money Market #03 for ARPA

funds we transferred \$200 from this account to checking and it earned interest of \$20.56 for a balance of \$69,027.27. Total of all accounts on March 31, 2022, is \$.410,182.83.

There are 6 outstanding checks for \$1,151.05

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**George Fowler:** Ambulance meeting last night. Merger with Northland is going ahead. The Amery board voted on name last night. There were three choices and they voted to called it Northwestern Municipal EMS. Luck still has to vote on the name, so it's not set in stone just yet.  
**Dale Wood:** Had a call about a speed limit sign on a dead-end road and a building permit.

**ROAD REPORT:** Frost coming out of the ground. Road limits should be lifted soon, but probably not this week. There have been a lot of calls about 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. There were some large potholes on the corner of 60<sup>th</sup> and F and going down the hill just past 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Did patch those, but again needed police assistance to make sure people were driving slower and even that didn't help.

**CHIEF'S REPORT.** Continuing to do enforcement on 60<sup>th</sup> to Getting complaints about speed on 75<sup>th</sup> (F) and 50<sup>th</sup> Ave., so will add that to the list. Not much activity on 95<sup>th</sup>.. Helped with traffic control on 60<sup>th</sup> so Ryan could get some work done.

Chief indicated they were working on a cleanup order, on the attorney's desk. Hopefully, will move forward on that. Did notice a different vehicle there today but didn't have time to stop.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No meeting tonight. There will be a meeting next month to review a CSM for Jonathan Bratt.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Special meeting was held due to Wald Vogel Trucking to haul on 60<sup>th</sup> while road ban was on. After much discussion the board issued a permit to allow that to happen.

Deer Park Fire got their new brush truck so ready for brush fire season which is good.

Clear Lake Ambulance meeting last night. Feel that the new director, Misty, is doing a good job. Good communication. Like everyone else, they are having budget issues -everything costs more. The next meeting will be to start discussions on how to alleviate this issue and generate additional revenue.

Got a letter asking that animal control charges be waived. This will be on the agenda for May.

Vilas County sent a letter and a copy of a resolution that they were requesting the state legislature modify levy limit restrictions to aid communities in dealing with rising costs.

Part of a meeting yesterday and this afternoon with the Towns Association regarding seasonal road bans and the effect to Jenny-O and Hormel due to the bird flu and needing to move birds in a quick fashion. There were none in our Town, but 4 other Towns needed to address this.

Hopefully it will not be an issue here and hopefully the bird flu will go away. Comment made that they were hauling in full loads of feed because they don't to run more trucks to a farm than necessary and they have to wash the trucks down between loads but not damage to the roads. Also dead bird truck is coming once a week. Chairman reiterated that if anyone absolutely has to travel during road bans, they need to request a permit if they can't do it under the limit just to monitor and regulate what roads they travel on. There have been at least a half dozen requests to haul during the ban and all but one were able to get under the restrictions and that was Wald Vogel and we were able to work with him to get a permit.

Final issue is we have to submit the ARPA fund report needs to be done by end of April. It appears it is best to submit for the entire amount so we can use the entire amount and not have any further reporting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Comment was made to make sure Animal Control discussion will be on the May agenda. Confirmed that it will be.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review Chapter 14 Subdivision & Planning Ordinance #2021 -** Still have not received the material on this. No action taken and remove from the agenda for now.

**Review, discuss and approve road agreements with local Towns:** Received signed agreements from Town of Lincoln and Town of Clear Lake. Talked to Art from Town of Clear Lake and thinks this is a great idea but would like to get DOT maps updated to reflect these changes. We may come up short on the mileage report. Dan Fedderly, the engineer on 60<sup>th</sup> and he said that it is possible to get the maps changed. Village of Clear Lake and Town of Cylon have not responded. Will follow up with them.

**Discussion regarding web site information.** It is in process. There is a draft in process. We are waiting for the .gov extension to be authorized and get it live ASAP. Best to get up as soon as possible and work out kinks/bugs as we go. Hopefully in the next 2 weeks. We have transferred the current domain name to our ownership and the old site will re-direct to the new one.

**Reminder of Road Inspection on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** Talked to Engineer, Dan Fedderly as there is another round of funding with applications being due June 3rd. He suggested we find a couple of projects as there is another round of funding coming up in June. This is for the next 4 years. Find a couple of pulverize and re-pave between the shoulders as they seem to be the most successful in getting approved. Comment made that it seems like if you have a grant writer do it, better chance of getting selected. Basically, we are having someone do it with Dan Fedderly helping us.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/decision regarding Fee Schedule for Town.** Talked about the need for a set fee schedule for various situations in the Town. Clerk has provided what we currently have and what we need to address. Questioned about what we have to give people when they apply for a driveway permit. There is a form that Alden uses that is more streamlined. Currently we give

people copy of actual ordinance plus application form to complete. May be better once it is on the website. We can put up to 25 tires in the dumpster. They won't take tractor tires. Check on the cost to get rid of them. Culverts reimburse actual cost-plus delivery fee \$60.00; Driveway permit is basically an administrative fee. Discussion on the clean-up issue on Hwy 46 and what would be involved to clean it up, including cost. Will do some more checking into this. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to compile a list of fees currently in place. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

**60<sup>th</sup> Ave. LIRP funding** We were awarded \$631,540.00 toward the \$910,000.00 cost. Our next step is to develop plans and schedule to hopefully get going this summer get permits and maybe doing work with culvert replacement and pulverize so it can go through the winter for compaction and pave next year. Need to get in the que as there are a lot of demand on these projects now. Looking a coming up with \$280,000 for our part. This is a reimbursement program so we will need to finance this and then get reimbursed. Question is do we use part of the annual budget to pay for this or ARPA money. Do we get a loan? Bid as 2 separate projects? Will need to permit for wetlands to widen the road. Question raised as to whether the property owners will be notified of taking of "their land" This will come within the 33' road easement. Question raised about how deep the ditches will be, they be lessened due to standards, will the hill be cut down? Also need to look at all of the dead trees and who is responsible for clean-up. Again, look at the 33' road right of way. There are many dead trees that need to be addressed in the entire town.

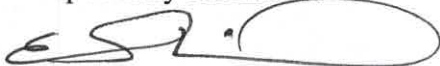
**Approval of new hire for Road Maintenance Supervisor:** Introduction of Aaron Kemling as proposed new Road Supervisor. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to Hire Aaron Kemling as our road supervisor. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

Question raised about the Town's Association meeting next Thursday.

**A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Wood to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:



Erik Henningsgard, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk