

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

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

There were 12 residents in attendance.

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 Supervisor Macholl, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously–3 yes.

Minutes: A motion Supervisor Wood, by seconded by Supervisor Macholl to approve the November 17, 2022, minutes. Motion passed unanimously. - 3 yes.

A motion Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

First time in 21 years not having a meeting at the town hall.

Received request from REM to appear at the February meeting to give the annual report.

Taxes have been sent out. There was a delay in the MFG data from the State, but those can be sent to Carrie at PO Box 44, Amery.

Question about a service quote from McCoy for \$7,000+ plus for the grader. This was done

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning bank balance was \$360,400.92, with deposits of \$38,362.20 including \$18.39 in interest. Checks written were \$194,050.11 and \$1,991.33 was electronically transferred for St & Fed Withholding leaving a balance as of November 30, 2022, of \$202,721.68. Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$32.74. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$50.90 for a balance of \$61,983.55; Money Market #03 for ARPA funds earned interest of \$112.06 for a balance of \$136,453.95. Total of all accounts on November 30, 2022, is \$401,191.92.

13 outstanding checks totaling \$7,039.60.

Taxes have started coming in so hoping things go well for her.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Dale Wood: Two dog calls last week. When he arrived, no dogs barking – got swore at, complained about the board not listening and paying attention and making rules. Notice was sent to the resident about zoom meeting with link to join.

Got a call from someone complaining that horses and steers were not being fed and no shelter, but when he went to check on things the animals were well fed and there was a shelter to go in, but the animals were choosing not to go in.

Raised question about the 14 addresses needing to be changed. If done by the end of the year, the county will pay for the road signs. Clerk will reach out and get these taken care of.

Jake Macholl: Had question about legality of snowmobiles riding in the ditches in the road right of way and the State of Wisconsin allows it to get to trails. Comment about groomer making a mess on our roads on 95th Street.

Talked to immediate neighbors about the animal control ordinance as it is a hot topic, not much feeling one way or another in that group. Feels we need more input. Supervisor Wood and Chairman agree.

ROAD REPORT Aaron not able to log in, but Chairman Henningsgard made comment about it being a brutal couple long weeks. Pulled in a couple of helpers and the fact that the roads are not good right now, but not great anywhere. Supervisor Wood said it is a good as they are going to be because it is winter and that's the way it is. Chairman has only gotten a couple of calls on the roads.

CHIEF'S REPORT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting tonight. Kristin Quist still needs to sign the joint driveway agreement but delayed due to confusion as to the parcel

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Got information from Dresser Trap Rock about a reduced price for trap rock for chip sealing but need to do that by December 31st.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review/discussion/decision of Animal Control Ordinance.** Lots of interest in what is transpiring. Concern expressed for not just owners of the animals, but kennels. Supervisor Macholl indicated that our ordinance covers both hunting dogs and kennels so calling about those issues are a non-issue. Chairman Henningsgard suggested that we could hold a public hearing on the topic to allow people to express their concerns before the board makes a decision and both supervisors agreed. In looking at our ordinance as well as some other ordinances, we describe a kennel as more than 5 dogs, whereas Polk County, doesn't even address that really and if they have more than 5 dogs are they considered a kennel and then do they need to be zoned accordingly. Also,

how do we handle the animal control calls going forward. No action was taken. It will be on the agenda for next month and will try and have a hearing before the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Review/discussion/decision Jacob & Kristin Quist CSM/Driveway Agreement** The agreement hasn't been signed yet so not ready to present to Plan Commission or board. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Macholl to table this to January. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

- 3. Review/discussion/decision regarding dumpster vendors.** We have two (2) choices for this. 3D and Waterman Sanitation. In recent years we have been using 3D because the owner was a town resident. Now that 3D has been sold, we should look at the costs. Will need to adjust the cost and will re-visit the fee schedule next month. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to go back to Watermans due to cost. Motion passed three (3) yes. Clerk will contact Watermans to see if we can get back on their schedule before terminating with 3D. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

- 4. Review/discussion/decision to purchase chains for the plow truck.** Aaron had asked for them as the roads get icy. He hasn't had a chance to get information because the guy he was going to contact doesn't sell them anymore. There was talk to table this but felt we should approve because we need them now, not to wait. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to authorize Aaron to purchase chains and cables for the plow truck. Roll Call Wood – Aye, Macholl-Aye; Henningsgard – Aye. Motion carries three (3) yes.**

- 5. Review/discussion/ decision regarding bids for spray foam in the shed.** We got two (2) bids for this. One from Beauvais Carpentry & Spray Foam Insulation and one from Sea Clay Roofing & Spray Foam Insulation, LLC. We need to get the rafters fixed before we do this and will need to cover a portion of the wall. Also, where to store the equipment while all of this is taking place. Maybe not a good idea to do this in the winter. Many things can be done by Aaron, but with the winter roads, not his top priority. **A motion by Supervisor Wood to wait on insulating the shed until we know more died for lack of a second.** Will put this on the agenda to discuss next month. Will try and go and look at things in the shed after plan commission and before the meeting to look at it and what improvements need to be done.

- 6. Discussion/decision regarding contract with City of Amery for Fire Protection for 2023** This was brought up by the Town of Lincoln to just update the contract as it hadn't been done since 2006. Question raised if we have any say as to the money they spend on equipment and the answer is yes, we have a seat at the table through the Advisory Joint Fire Committee. Supervisor Fowler was our previous representative and now Supervisor Macholl is attending those meetings. **A motion by Supervisor Macholl seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to approve the 2023 Fire Protection contract with the City of Amery. 2 aye – 1 abstention. Motion carries 2 yes, 1 abstention.**

Review/discussion/decision regarding changing from a 3 person to 5-person board. The issue raised through public comments at a previous meeting about what happens when someone resigns that we only have two (2) members available or if two people are gone. This has only happened a few times due to resignations and one board member being gone for one reason or another. The concern of the entire board being all new is valid it also allows for more representation from the town. Encourage people to attend the caucus in January. We will put this on the April agenda for residents to have input

- 7. Review/discussion/decision regarding moving \$3,200 from General Government to Public Safety, \$100 from General Govt to Health & Human Services and \$27,000 from ARPA funds to Public Works to cover unexpected truck repairs.** We need to move funds to balance our budget. Part of the reason we are asking for more is because of the retirement monies we pay for road supervisor, and we used those monies for to pay for truck repairs earlier. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Macholl to move \$3,200 from General Government to Public Safety, \$100 from General Govt to Health & Human Services and \$27,000 from ARPA funds to Public Works to cover unexpected truck repairs. Roll call – Dale – Aye; Jake – Aye; Erik – Aye Motion carries. Three (3) yes.**

- 8. Set date for Caucus meeting in January** Due to a conflict with a board member with the regular board meeting date, the meeting needs to be changed as well. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to set the date for Caucus for January 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with the Board of Supervisors meeting to immediately follow. Motion passes unanimously three (3) yes.**

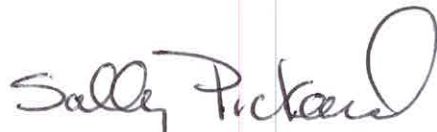
A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Macholl to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erik Henningsgard, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk