

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 16, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

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

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 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 May 19, 2022, minutes. Motion passed unanimously. - 3 yes.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Cemetery: Request to change the name of the cemetery. I have not had a chance to reach out anyone at the historical society. Supervisor Wood suggested talking to Oliver Aune as he had some information.

We received grant money in the amount of \$600 toward our .GOV account.

Got a notice from Verizon that they are now going to be adding a \$2.20/mo./line for each smartphone and .98/mo./line for basic phones.

Request from AEDC for continued membership. \$250/yr. Board agrees to continue with this.

Plow blades being ordered by the county next week. Form and information given to Aaron.

Time again to re-order Fire Safety Newspapers. They are free and so will order 250 again.

A letter of resignation was read from Cindy Nelson.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$303,744.10, with deposits of \$5,042.13 including \$12.55 in interest. Checks written were \$27,343.62 as well as \$2,246.58 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding, leaving a balance as of May 31, 2022, of \$278,760.79. Savings earned .00 interest for a balance of \$32.68. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$20.97

for a balance of \$61,740.77; Money Market #03 for ARPA funds earned interest of \$20.53 for a balance of \$69,068.22. Total of all accounts on May 31, 2022, is \$409,602.46. There are 6 checks outstanding totaling \$3,677.94.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Nothing

Dale Wood: Still looking into the issue about the 25-mph issue and roads under 55 mph. Dale called Town's Association about signs, and we can't have any signs under 55mph unless approved by DOT.

ROAD REPORT: Aaron is working on mowing, and he finished CDL class week and half early.

CHIEF'S REPORT. St Hwy 46 not going as planned. Seems like he has added more. Making enforcement of 50th Ave and F and additional assistance on 60th Ave. for road work when needed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Website is up and running. Getting more training tomorrow.

Talked to Dan Fedderly about a meeting about 60th Ave. will get something set up.

Talked to Jim Richison and he said construction loan can run for 2 yrs. Only pay interest on what you draw. Should get this going sooner than later to lock in rate.

Talked to Jay Luke and they agree with the split on 60th and will send back the paperwork.

Got notice about culvert aid - A question was raised about the culvert on 60th Ave. Chairman will look and see if this qualifies.

Clerk created complaint form, tree cutting form and fireworks permits for the town. Will get those up on Website.

Found out there are covenants in the Island Lake Development. Dan Casey is responsible for enforcing these, not the Town.

Went over questionnaire from Towns Association about health insurance and whether we would like to offer benefits to employees through an association plan. Clerk will complete this and send to the Towns Association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrew Meyer owner of Meyer Construction raised questions about the property at 1099 3rd Ave. and it not having been given an occupancy permit. Many violations on the property and now has dogs on the property. They have tried 5 times to serve the owner of the house to get construction liens on the property. Will follow-up with occupancy without a permit.

Also, would like to see more of a push on cleaning up 45 4th Ave property. Lots of tires and junk there. Trying to help Ben and try to push them a little to get this taken care of. Will have Chief Strobusch look at this.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Review Chapter 14 Subdivision & Planning Ordinance #2021 Motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to table. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

2. **Discussion/approval regarding by-laws for Northwestern Municipal EMS.** Questions that had been raised were answered and sent out by the Clerk. Town of Beaver has opted out of this merger. Questions raised as to whether or not we own a part of entity and yes, we do. There was also concern about the debt and a question about having a satellite site at Georgetown and the length of time it would take to get to south end of the Town. The satellite site is for hospital transfers only, not emergency runs. Amery has 3 units to cover the area. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler, to approve the merger for Northwestern Municipal EMS. 2 yes, 1 abstain. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Discussion/decision regarding gopher bounty:** We continue to see roads being destroyed by pocket gophers. Bounty is currently \$3/tail for Pocket and \$1.50/tail for striped. Not sure how many people know about this. Question if bounty was increased if it would increase the number of gophers trapped. Felt that it is worth making the increase. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to raise the bounty to \$5/tail for pocket gophers. Striped gophers will remain the same at \$1.50. Wood – yes, Henningsgard - yes, Fowler – abstain Motion passes.**

4. **Open road bids - discussion/decision regarding road repairs in 2022 based on road review and bids submitted.** Discussion as to roads and whether or not, if you chip seal, it saves the cracks and money in the long run. **A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve Scott Construction for Chip Seal based on the attached contract in the amount of \$134,385.00. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the contract with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC to crack seal 50th Ave. from 105th St to CTY Rd C and 55th from CTY Rd C to dead end not to exceed \$20,000.00. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.

5. **Review and approve liquor license and servers for Landmark Services Corp. dba Country Store, Amery Ale Works, and Amery Gun Club:** Clerk indicated she had received applications and appropriate fees from Landmark Services Corporation, dba The Amery Country Store, Amery Ale Works and Amery Gun Club for liquor licenses for the upcoming year. There were 13 applications for servers between the three (3) establishments. Question raised as to the name of Landmark Services, but application states Landmark Services Corp dba The Amery Country Store. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve the liquor licenses and server licenses for Landmark Services Corp. dba as The Amery Country Store, Amery Ale Works, and Amery Gun Club. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**
6. **Appointment of Treasurer:** Treasurer, Cindy Nelson, resigned after the May meeting and her letter was read earlier in the meeting. A couple of people had been asked if they were interested and both declined, however a recommendation came from a resident for a person to do the job. The clerk and chairman talked to this person and made the recommendation

to appoint Carrie Blanchard, to serve as the interim treasurer until the April 2023 election. There was a resident in attendance who also expressed an interest, and it was suggested she put her name in at the upcoming caucus in January for the April 2023 election. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to appoint Carrie Blanchard as interim treasurer. 2 yes, one abstains. Motion passed.**

- 7. Additional employment agreement with road maintenance supervisor:** Due to the fact that we paid for CDL training for Aaron Kemling, our new road maintenance supervisor, the board felt it was necessary to put a clause in the employment contract to protect our investment and Aaron is fine with that. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the additional employment agreement with Aaron Kemling, Road Supervisor. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Wood to adjourn to the July 21, 2022, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erik Henningsgard, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk