

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 21, 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 and Treasurer, Carrie Blanchard, were also present.

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 June 16, 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 talked with Oliver Aune and he indicated that a friend of his who grew up in the area said that it was just referred to as the Black Brook Cemetery, so the mystery continues.

We received the second ARPA payment in the amount of \$70,075.60.

Getting ready for the partisan primary which is August 9th. In person absentee voting starts next Tuesday, July 26th.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$278,760.79, with deposits of \$74,417.61 including \$24.32 in interest. Checks written were \$15,574.36 as well as \$2,006.83 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding, leaving a balance as of June 30, 2022, of \$335,597.21. Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$32.69. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$35.52 for a balance of \$61,776.29; Money Market #03 for ARPA funds earned interest of \$34.06 for a balance of \$69,102.28. Total of all accounts on June 30, 2022, is \$466,508.47.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Nothing

Dale Wood: Stopped at old fleet supply building as there was someone there. Said he was going to be getting a dumpster to clean out one of the sheds. By the end of the month things will be all cleaned up.

Talked to guy from Cameron who does tree cutting and is willing to do a demonstration. Might be a good deal to do the demonstration on 60th Ave. Go ahead and check on it.

Got a call from Friendshuhs about a culvert on the dead-end road that is rusting through. Concerned that it could be a safety issue. There is another one that is being replaced on 23rd. Aaron will take a look at it and get the size needed and get it ordered.

Went to the Clear Lake Ambulance meeting. Had a good report. May have to raise the per capita due to increased cost of supplies and the State is not reimbursing enough to cover costs. Will discuss it again at their October meeting. Suggest that we attend the Town's Association listening session next week and get others to request that they lobby for more reimbursement for these items. Hard to get EMTs as it is a requirement that they have to not only pass the State test, but also pass the National test as well.

Went to DOT in Rice Lake to ask about setting speed limits on roads and they didn't have any idea what was needed. They said it was State Patrol and they didn't know either.

ROAD REPORT: Industrial Safety was out and checked out the fire extinguishers. Scott Poye is going to put in new culvert on 23rd. Need to look at replacing tires on the tractor. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to have McGee change the tires out on the tractor.**

CHIEF'S REPORT. No report

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Got the bridge inspection report- mostly minor issues. The bridge on 50th is worse and we have put in to have it replaced by the State.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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 Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Wood to postpone discussion. Motion passed unanimously. 3yes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Discussion/recommendation regarding new water truck for Amery Fire Department**
This was brought up at the City Council and approved, and it was felt that this should have gone before the local boards. The City of Amery is looking at financing and the

payment would be \$40,000/yr. We have a 9 percent interest so would be about a \$3,600/yr. They need to refurbish the truck with a ten (10) yr. guarantee for about \$100,000. Can only run a truck for 30 years. One of the firemen found a new 3000-gallon tanker with the chassis for about \$194,000 so looking at \$300,000 which is about ¼ what new could cost for these. Would be nice to have this so that we can budget for them, and not be surprised.

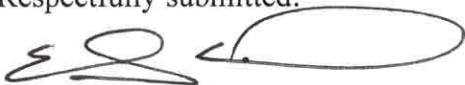
3. Discussion/decision regarding financing for 60th Ave. Information for the loan has been turned over to the bank so rate can be locked in at 4.5%. We have the “construction” loan for 18 mos. and only pay interest on what we borrow. Then we will need to discuss if we want to make payments every 6 mos. March/Sept or monthly – would that save us interest in the long run. Will need to figure out where the \$40,000 will come from. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to proceed with financing through Westconsin Credit Union at 4.5% for a ten (10) year loan period, which includes the 18-mo. construction period. Dale- aye; George aye; Erik aye. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

4. LP Contract for 2022-2023 Got keep fill letter for the pre-buy price of 197.9/gal. Clerk called around and most were in that same price, up to \$2.15/gal. Ferrellgas would give us contract for \$1.83.9. Chairman had talked to someone that had delivered gas to us previously and said with the amount of LP we use; we should insulate the shop and it would pay for itself in a year so something to think about. **A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Chairman Henningsgard, to go with Ferrellgas for 4000 gallons. George aye; Dale- aye; Erik-aye.**

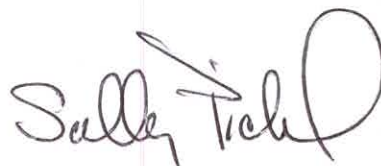
A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Wood to adjourn to the August 18, 2022, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Erik Henningsgard, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk