

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Erik Henningsgard Supervisor I Jake Macholl, Supervisor II, Dale Wood, Clerk, Sally Pickard and Treasurer, Carrie Blanchard, were also present.

There were 10 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 Macholl, seconded by Supervisor Wood, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously—3 yes.**

**Minutes: A motion Supervisor Wood, by seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to approve the October 15, 2022, minutes. Motion passed unanimously. - 2 yes. 1 abstain.**

**A motion by Supervisor Macholl, seconded by Supervisor Wood to approve the vouchers and pay the bills.** There was discussion as to the bill for animal control – taking a litter of kittens to Arnell. Do we send a bill for this – will discuss next month. This took place prior to the ordinance being rescinded. Chairman had talked with him and has taken his phone number off the website. **Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.**

**CLERK'S REPORT:** We had a good turn out last week at the General election with 676 voters. This is the last election for the year. Next possible election will be a primary in February.

We got the agreement from the county for purchasing things through the county. Will put Chairman Henningsgard and Road Supervisor Aaron Kemling on for this.

Next comes working on taxes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning bank balance was \$333,668.95, with deposits of \$40,663.51 including \$30.57 in interest. Checks written were \$11,533.05 and \$2,123.49 was electronically transferred for St & Fed Withholding leaving a balance as of November 30, 2022, of \$360,400.92. Savings earned .01 interest for a balance of \$32.73. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$47.30 for a balance of \$61,932.65; Money Market #03 for ARPA funds earned interest of \$106.46 and we transferred \$3,137.50 to checking for the gas tank from Skoglund Oil for a balance of \$136,341.89. Total of all accounts on October 30, 2022, is \$558,708.19.

20 outstanding checks totaling \$145,613.28

We received \$80 from the City of Amery Municipal Court

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Jake Macholl:** Went to unified ambulance service meeting. Things are going as well as expected. Trying to figure out where to put the joint funds. Probably will use Bremer. Approved purchase of new ambulance for Amery. January 1, 2023 they will become Northland Ambulance Service. Looks promising with budget numbers so cautiously optimistic. He also attended the Executive board meeting as George Fowler had been on the executive board, however, they will be changing by-laws to deal when someone resigns – so that spot is now currently vacant. It is the person, not the municipality that is chosen. They also approved health insurance for 2 full time persons. Because of competition to find employees, they offered a decent compensation package. Employees will have to pay 15% for health insurance. Amery hospital did a study as part of transitioning out of the ambulance program showing we were way undervalued as compared to the regional costs. So there were increases made across the board to bring us closer to where they should be to try and retain the workers we have.

Amery School District Science Dept. is also trying to encourage people to look at the medical field so hoping to get a digital autopsy table for use. It is an aging occupation – not many young people going into the field so in 20 yrs will age out.

**Dale Wood:** Again, getting complements on the work he is doing. Talked about getting a credit card that he can use so he doesn't have to wait a month to get reimbursed. If there are regular places he goes and we don't have an account, we should get it set up so we don't have to pay tax.

**ROAD REPORT** Got the backhoe back – repairs came in about \$4000 under the estimate, which was used to get the other vehicles serviced for winter. Seems to be working well. Winter plowing has begun. Equipment is still here – needs to get it set up to get it in to winter storage at George Fowler's shed.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** None.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No meeting tonight. Kristin Quist still needs to get us the joint driveway agreement so will put it on the December agenda.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Attended the Amery Fire Dept meeting – they will be sending out updated contracts for us to review and discuss in December. They are also looking at updating the by-laws, but nothing to discuss at this point.

Thanked everyone who worked at the election. #40 at 7:30 – People were waiting at 6:45.

There were people caught dumping garbage on 95<sup>th</sup>.

There is a beaver dam issue on 50<sup>th</sup> – can address this in public comments as well. See if this is something that is going to harm road/bridge or what the situation is.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dave Toftness addressed the issue about the Beaver situation. It's about 100-150' east of bridge and causing issues -Seems to be 10-15' off the road. Dave's urgency is that his cattle walk that stream and that is starting to back up and he's afraid it will freeze, and he has no other way to water the cattle. Will check and see if a permit is required for trapping.

Ben Strohbach raised the question about going to a five-person board. We will put this on the agenda for discussion next month.



## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review Chapter 14 Subdivision & Planning Ordinance #2021** No additional information. **No action taken.**
2. **Update Discussion/decision on shed.** Didn't get a bid from anyone as to insulating the wall. There are issues with the rafters – work done last year didn't seem to hold. We also need to clean out the drain as it is plugged so we can clean off the equipment. Question as to how much money we put into an old shed. Will check with Aaron Schad to see if he could help with moving wires. Resident is building a new building and the cost is \$1.35/in/sq' 2' insulation factor is an R7/in. May also need to look at the roof too. Will work on getting bids for these issues for next month.
3. **Review/discussion/decision of Animal Control Ordinance.** There was a lot of discussion as to how to handle animal control calls and what we need to change in our current ordinance. Currently we do not have an ordinance in place, but because the Town is responsible for animal control currently, we are handling calls. The chairman's number is listed to contact regarding these matters. Chairman spoke with the person who was handling our calls and he is willing to work as little or as much as we need him to. Seems that this year has been a year with multiple calls – far more than what we have had in the past. Discussion was held regarding how to deal with the issue of animal control being called to take a cat and litter of kittens to Arnell. Who do we send the bill to? It is agreed that we will cover the call and this is what needs to be discussed and revised. Resident Chris Schrieber spoke on habitual barking dogs. She has lived here since 2018 and grew up in the country. Feels there needs to be something in there about habitual and what that means. It will stop when they come out, but in time they are right back at it. Doesn't know what the answer is but can't enjoy being out on the porch. Comment made by Chairman is that you also have to be mindful of the neighbor being able to enjoy their property too. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Macholl to table until next month. Motion passes unanimously 3 yes.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

4. **Adopt 2023 Budget . A motion by Supervisor Wood seconded by Supervisor Macholl to approve the 2023 budget. Roll call vote. Wood – aye – Macholl – aye – Henningsgard - aye. Motion passes 3 yes.**
5. **Discussion/decision regarding potential speed reduction on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.** This was on the agenda last month to hire an engineer which died for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chief had done a speed study and recommended that it be reduced to 45mph. **A motion by Supervisor Wood seconded by Supervisor Macholl to approve the speed reduction on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave to 45 mph. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

Kevin Solum also addressed 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, East of 46 by 105th they would like to put in a culvert and they will take care of the cost to do this, including the cost to replace the blacktop. There is also a culvert currently there that is rusted out on the bottom. Just make sure to let him know so it gets in the correct spot.

6. **Discussion/appointment of new plan commission board member.** In review of the ordinance, there is nothing that prohibits all of the board members being on the plan commission, which is currently the case. Currently have five (5) on the commission and can have up to seven (7). Have had trouble keeping five members. If there is more interest, that is fine. Currently it is mostly reviewing land divisions/Certified Survey Maps. Public comment by Ben Strobach was that he felt that all members brought different, valuable opinions. Concern about having an even number, Chairman could not vote

unless a tie. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Macholl to appoint Matt Belle Isle to the Plan Commission. Motion passes unanimously 3 yes.**

7. **Discussion/decision regarding committee/board appointments:** Supervisor Wood will handle the Clear Lake Ambulance and Fire Department, Chairman Henningsgard will handle the Deer Park Fire Dept and Supervisor Macholl will handle the Northland Ambulance Service and Amery Fire Dept meetings .
8. **Discussion/decision regarding holiday gifts.** Discussion as to what amount it should be as it has been the same for the past 8 years. **A motion by Chairman Henningsgard seconded by Supervisor Macholl to give an end of year bonus in the amount of \$500 to road supervisor. Roll call Wood-aye-, Macholl-aye; Henningsgard – aye. Motion passes 3 yes.**
9. **A motion by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Macholl to give an end of year bonus of \$100 to the recycling attendant and garbage attendant . Roll call Wood-aye-, Macholl-aye; Henningsgard – aye. Motion passes 3 yes.**

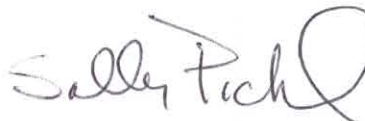
**A motion by Supervisor Macholl, seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to adjourn. Motion carries three (3) yes.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:



Erik Henningsgard, Chairman



Sally Pickard, Clerk