

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman, Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor I, Jake Macholl; Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle; Treasurer, Carrie Blanchard and Clerk, Janel Belle Isle were also present.

There were 6 residents in attendance.

The meeting began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the meeting notices, pursuant to Wisconsin Stats.19.83 was made by the Chairman.

AGENDA:

Chairman Henningsgard entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Supervisor Belle Isle, second by Chairman Henningsgard to approve the agenda, motion carried, 2 yes.

MINUTES:

Chairman Henningsgard entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Supervisor Belle Isle, seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to approve the July 20, 2023 minutes. Motion carried, 2 yes.

VOUCHERS & BILLS:

Chairman Henningsgard entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and pay the bill. Motion by Supervisor Belle Isle, seconded by Chairman Henningsgard to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. Motion carried, 2 yes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

I issued 4 operator (server) permits to Echo Valley Events. A total of \$100.00 was collected and each applicant passed the background check.

Finished my initial training to gain access to my WisVote account, will have ongoing training.

I went to the Wisconsin Town's Association Polk County meeting on July 27th. Vince Netherland, Polk County Administrator talked about the importance of getting fiber optic to all homes. He mailed each town clerk a number of copies of an informational piece that we can use to address questions that may come to us from residents. I'll make sure Aaron has some out in the shop as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The beginning checking account balance was \$281,328.57, with deposits of \$51,104.88 which includes \$22.52 in interest. Checks written were \$29,393.21 and \$1,870.86 was electronically transferred for State & Fed Withholding, leaving a balance as of July 31, of \$301,126.88.

Savings earned \$0.01 interest for a balance of \$32.82. Achieve Money Market #13 earned interest of \$84.80 for a balance of \$62,739.68; Money Market #03 for ARPA funds earned

interest of \$149.79 for a balance of \$110,825.80. Total of all accounts on July 31, 2023, was \$474,725.18. The road maintenance savings has \$5.00 and the checking earned \$0.07 interest, for a total of \$1000.32.

Currently 4 outstanding checks totaling \$7133.02.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS:

Belle Isle: Attended Wisconsin Town's Association Polk County meeting. Listened to discussion on pilot program for local road improvements. Worth looking into if there would be funds available to our town.

His wife spoke with neighbors about failing trees suspicious of falling on the road. They gave permission to the Township to take care of them if need be. Concern about neighbor dumping sand into the ditch to create a driveway to his property without being permitted.

Chairman Henningsgard commented that Dan Fedderly is helping with the aforementioned program and that it will be administered through the LRIP program.

Macholl: Nothing to report.

ROAD REPORT: Aaron not present. Henningsgard reported on his behalf that he's been keeping busy with lots of odds & ends and ditch mowing, nothing else very eventful.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The crews began working on 60th. Patrolling Hwy F between 60th and 40th. They have 3 properties that they're working with the owners to get cleaned up. Clear Lake will soon have a new officer starting Sept. 11, will hopefully bring her to next month's meeting. Shared Revenue is increasing next year, would like Public Safety to be addressed with that increase.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 60th Ave. road work has started, the culvert was replaced Tuesday and they plan to be finished mid-September. The culvert on 20th Ave. was installed. Otherwise, a pretty quiet month.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident concerned that a company out of Ohio purchased 24 acres by Amery city shop. Wants to know their intention.

Resident concerned that there are many trees along 60th Ave. that need to be trimmed or cut down. Chairman assured him the plan is to take care of them while the road is closed for work. Resident asked if there is anything that can be done about the 2 sets of culverts on 30th Ave. just before Alden township, they are very rough. Chairman took note.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion/decision on inspection and appraisal for the town hall**
\$567.00 cost of inspection from REM Inspection Company. Talked about the condition of the well and septic. **Motion by Chairman Henningsgard to authorize ad hoc committee to hire REM Inspection Company to do the inspection for \$567.00, second by Supervisor Mahcoll. Motion carried. 3 yes.**
- 2. Discussion/decision regarding Clear Lake Ambulance contract**
Discussion on how the Clear Lake Area Ambulance Service pays their employees. They now charge the municipalities \$20 per capita per year, and that will increase next year. Discussion of the service area. This contract will be effective on September 1, 2023, and will cease on January 30, 2024. **Motion by Supervisor Belle Isle to approve the contract, second by Supervisor Macholl. Motion carried, 3 yes.**
- 3. Review/discussion/decision regarding driveway location in Lot 13 of Lake View Estates on 116th St.**
Plan commission met and gave recommendation to the board to allow owner to move driveway location from the area proposed. **Motion by Supervisor Henningsgard to allow owner of Lot #13 of Lake View Estates to place their driveway at the location of their choosing, pending driveway permit review, second by Supervisor Belle Isle. Further discussion. Motion carried, 3 yes.**
- 4. Review/discussion/decision regarding the engineering proposals for 50th Ave. bridge**
We got funding for the engineering and the construction of the bridge on 50th Ave. and must start with the selection of the engineering company to do the design. Polk County received 6 proposals. County makes the final decision of the company, but takes great input from the Town through rating sheets filled out for each company. Due to a conflict of interest from two of the Board members, the Board excluded SEH from the rating process and rated the other 5 companies.
- 5. Closed session began at 8:18pm pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 to review wages of town employees.**
- 6. Reconvene to open session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(2) at 9:03pm. Motion to raise Aaron Kemling's wage from \$24 per hour to \$26 per hour and to also include a \$500 per month stipend for health insurance to go into effect on October 1, 2023. Second by Supervisor Belle Isle. Further discussion regarding effective date. Henningsgard amended his motion to change that it go into effect with the October 2023 paydate. Amendment accepted and seconded by Supervisor Macholl. Roll call vote. Belle Isle, aye; Macholl, aye; Henningsgard, aye. Motion carried.**

Motion made by Supervisor Macholl, seconded by Supervisor Belle Isle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3 yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted and posted by:

Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

Janel Belle Isle, Clerk