

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JULY 17, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at pm by Chairman, Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor I, Jake Macholl; and Clerk, Janel Belle Isle were also present. Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle and Treasurer, Darcy Lorsung attended virtually via Teams meeting.

There were 7 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.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Erik entertained a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion/second; Matt/Jake. Motion carried.**

APPROVE MINUTES:

Erik entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2024 meeting. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt. Motion carried.**

APPROVE VOUCHERS:

Erik entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt. Motion carried.**

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mailed a sympathy card to the Town of Farmington for the loss of their clerk/treasurer, Debbie Swanson on July 2nd. Her husband, Steve Swanson, filled her position.
Started calling for LP prices for the upcoming heating season. Most will not have prices until the end of July. We have a \$2314.99 surplus from last year.
August 13th is the next election. Preparing for that.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of June 30, 2024, the general checking balance was \$4559.96. Savings balance remained at \$5.01. Money Market ARPA had a balance of \$100,655.24. Achieve Money Market had a balance of \$63,518.51. The new Business Money Market Account had a balance of \$19,703.04. The new Certificate of Deposit balance is now \$255,270.17. The road maintenance account had a balance of \$1004.99 that included its savings balance of \$5.00. The loan payoff amount was \$283,965.21. The total dividend amount earned year to date is \$8,678.68. Total cash on hand at the end of May was \$444,716.92. As of today, total available funds are \$484,912.61 with the loan payoff amount at \$283,415.05, leaving total net assets of \$200,947.40.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS:

Matt: Dumpster – has his information in a spreadsheet; continuing to gather information on how much the Town's spend on the dumpster is.

Attended Clear Lake EMS meeting. Talked about Clear Lake Days and what they do for that.

“HOLD” kits are being offered by the county to EMS departments. It is a drug test kit that may help reverse a drug overdose. They had a bill that was 4 years old that never got sent to the person who was supposed to pay it. It went to collections and the person paid the bill but not the collection service fees.

Residents asked questions about the dumpster charges. Trash in ditches is still a problem.

Jake: Attended the Amery Fire meeting. Interim Fire Chief, Chuck, is going out and Mitch will be filling in. Talk about Conex boxes to set up for training. Alden also talked about that.

Attended the Northwestern Ambulance meeting. They are preparing for budget season. Our cost will go up per capita. Looking into other ways to bill. Adjusted bylaws to allow for new municipalities to join them. A new ambulance is slated to come in 2026.

Sent Aaron out to patch a hole in the black top on 90th Street that was caused by gophers under the road.

ROADS REPORT: Sharing labor with other Towns, mowing, got the truck back from powder coat, it looks good.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Paul Houx, the new Clear Lake Police Chief, was introduced. Clear Lake is working on building a new department. Paul said that when Tim and Joe left, Ben kept things running and maintained enforcement. There are 4 total on their force now. Jamie Wood was sworn in as the 4th member of their force and will start academy soon.

ANIMAL REPORT: Dale had a call this month about a neighbor's dog on the caller's property. Dale visited the neighbor and received a complaint about the original caller's goats being on his property. He thinks they figured it out.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: One CSM was on the agenda. Will be addressed during the regular agenda items.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Fielded a few phone calls. Quiet month. Met with Josh at his property, that will be talked about in the agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Lamkin has complaint about dogs barking non-stop that are in his neighborhood on 55th Ave. He reported that a few of his neighbors have the same complaint. He is requesting law enforcement give a warning to the owner.

Resident asked about wild parsnip spraying in ditches.

Resident complaint about the culvert that was replaced at the junction of 35th Street and Hwy 46 that is not blacktopped over yet. Aaron has been working on it. It must settle prior to being blacktopped and should be able to be blacktopped soon.

A tree was down in the right of way on 55th. It needs to be cleared before mowing is done again.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CSM proposal for Taylor Larson** The Plan Commission has recommended approval of the CSM as presented. Discussion. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt to approve the CSM proposal for Taylor Larson, motion carried.**
2. **Culvert relocation on 20th Avenue** This was brought up at the end of last meeting by Mike Jackelen. Mr. Jackelen is not here now to talk about it. Discussion. No action.
3. **Deer and 45 mph request for 35th Avenue, between 90th and 95th Streets** Report came that there have been three deer/car collisions in that area recently. Discussion. No action.
4. **Future of the Chapel** The Chapel is becoming more dilapidated and historical value is decreasing. It has become a safety issue, a liability to the Town. It is sitting on 1/3 of an acre, it is surveyed. Discussion to check with Clear Lake Historical Society to see if they are interested in taking ownership. Janel will contact them. Public property may have certain steps to take, maybe needs to be put out for bid. Comment by resident about contingency on new owner to improve it. Janel will check with the county to see what steps the sale of public property must take if that route is chosen.
5. **Future of the town hall & shop** Josh Reindeau offered his land and buildings for lease or sale. He showed it to some of the ad hoc committee and board members since the last meeting. Discussion on how it fits the Town's need for a new shop. It would fit the Town Shop needs. It does need a floor drain. Josh presented a "rent to own" proposal. Discussion on how to proceed if desired. No formal action tonight, but the Board is interested in making this purchase. Town's Association has given pieces of information on avenues to purchase. Will look for ways to move forward. Discussion. Will be put on next month's agenda for decision.

Erik entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted and posted by:

Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

Janel Belle Isle, Clerk