

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2024**

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

There were 4 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 Erik.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Erik entertained a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. **Motion/second; Matt/Jake. Motion carried.**

**APPROVE VOUCHERS & PAY BILLS:**

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

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

The mailing regarding driveway upkeep went out. Out of 629 mailed, only 11 came back.

Attended the WTA meeting in Balsam Lake on 7/25/24.

The Partisan Primary election was August 13th. All went smoothly, a lot of positive feedback came from voters as well as the poll workers.

Continuing research regarding the Chapel, and attended the Clear Lake Historical Society meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

As of July 31, 2024, the general checking balance was \$7,648.68. The deposits in July were \$61,687.12 and expenditures were \$106,369.36. Managing the amount needed in the general checking to pay the bills while taking advantage of the interest accruing in the savings accounts.

We are expecting the August Tax Settlement to be deposited tomorrow. Will close the ARPA savings account near the end of the month, as all monies have been spent as budgeted. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, the first payment on the loan for 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be due. Asking advice on paying the minimum amount due or more. Will pay minimum due and wait until nearer the end of year to pay more. Discussed the Certificate of Deposit maturing in April of 2025.

**SUPERVISORS' REPORTS:**

**Matt:** Done working out of town. Waterman brought the dumpster very early this month. Called them and they came back and moved it out of the way for election day.

Attended the Clear Lake Historical meeting last Monday. Their committee expressed interest in the Chapel. It is an agenda item, so will speak more of it then.

**Jake:** Quiet month. Received a couple questions regarding the talk of a new facility and directed them to the information on the Town website. Had no meetings, but visited the Reindeau property that has been talked about as possibly being the new headquarters.

**ROAD REPORT:** Second ditch mow is done. Shouldered roads in our Town and helped with other surrounding towns. Culvert on 35<sup>th</sup> is due to be paved in the next couple of weeks.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Patrol is going well, not many speeders which is good.

**ANIMAL REPORT:** Dale Wood met with a resident due to a complaint of barking dogs. Gave her a verbal warning to let her know if complaints continue, she could receive a citation. Darel Hall submitted 3 invoices this month, which we paid. Dale is concerned that residents are calling Darel Hall or Polk County dispatch rather than calling him.

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:** Erik went to an Amery Plan Commission meeting where they asked about our future land use map. Our Plan Commission met earlier tonight, and they feel our map is fine as is, and don't feel an urge to change at the time. Erik will convey that message back to the Amery Plan Commission.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** No report – light month – no meetings

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mark Hansen here for Mike Jackelen. Mike is wondering when the Town is going to fix or replace a culvert on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Erik explained that it will be looked at during the road review, which hasn't been scheduled yet. Dale Wood feels the Town needs to do more than the recent postcard mailing to get people to keep their driveways clear so emergency vehicles can get in. Dale Wood has concern that fire numbers on some roads are still incorrect.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Future of the Chapel** Discussion. The Clear Lake Historical Society has interest in acquiring the Chapel but does not feel it is feasible monetarily to preserve or move it. They asked if we could give them time some to research and discuss. More research was done by Matt and Janel Belle Isle regarding a cemetery on the parcel. So far, no record of one has been found. Janel will contact the County to ask for a copy of the deed. No action.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **LP Contract for 2024 – 2025 heating season** Alcivia is the lowest price at \$1.399 per gallon for 4000-gallon pre-pay contract. There is credit on the account from last year to use as well. Darcy asked about a summer fill. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake to contract with Alcivia for 4000 gallons at \$1.399 per gallon. Motion carried.**
2. **Recycle schedule and attendant position** Discussion regarding email that came from Tina at the Polk County Recycling Center asking to let the recycle bins be open full time with no attendant to man them. Black Brook and East Farmington are the only Towns in the county that have scheduled dates and an attendant. Talked about the location of them when they are left here. Discussion on Town's cost to have an attendant on duty. **Motion/second; Matt/Erik to revisit after the budget workshop meeting. Motion carried.**
3. **Set date for budget workshop** Workshop set for 6pm Thursday September 12, 2024.

**4. New Town shop and Town hall update** Dale Wood called a few appraisers for the Reindeau property. A full appraisal would be approximately \$2350. Dale said that some appraisers he spoke with think Reindeau is asking too much for the property. Mark Hansen recommends getting a couple appraisals done. Erik wants to get a complete picture of total final costs before we entertain an amount for financing – wants estimates on a stand-alone town hall, floor drain, moving the fuel tanks and setting them up, upgrading the outbuilding, etc. He will talk to Berghammers for that information before they can go further with a decision. Discussion. Michelle asked questions about the available property and the Town’s needs. Public asked questions about how it is zoned. She suggests a first step to identify the company or individual to help the Town through the process.

**5. Consider convening to closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties regarding purchase price of potential Town shop and location for future Town hall, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stat.**

At 8:40pm, Erik entertained a motion to move into closed session.

**Motion/second; Matt/Jake to move into closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties regarding purchase price of potential Town shop and location for future Town hall, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stat. Roll call vote. Matt, yes; Erik, yes; Jake, yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion regarding purchasing property for the Town. Steps needed were identified by the Board and the Town Attorney. Action items were assigned and this subject will be on next month’s agenda.

**Motion/second; Jake/Matt to return to open session.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.**

**Respectfully submitted and posted by:**

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**Erik Henningsgard, Chairman**

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**Janel Belle Isle, Clerk**