

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 17, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 pm by Chairman, Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor I, Jake Macholl; Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle; Clerk, Janel Belle Isle; and Treasurer, Darcy Lorsung were also present.

There were 7 residents in attendance.

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 of the September 26 meeting. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt. Motion carried.**

APPROVE VOUCHERS:

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

CLERK REPORT: Working on election items, getting the town hall set up to be more efficient on election day, lined up poll workers, processing absentee ballot requests and new registrations as they come in.

I attended a WI Municipal Clerks' Association seminar in Rice Lake regarding budget and tax bill generation and working on the 2025 budget.

Received a few calls from residents regarding the resolutions that are on the agenda.

There is a WI Town's Association meeting on the 24th of this month at 6pm in Balsam Lake.

TREASURER REPORT: Expenditures in September were \$47,876.33; deposits were \$1920.92. General checking balance at month end was \$1175.56. Total cash assets were \$325,541.62. Current general checking balance is \$45,832.15. General MM is \$89.98. Expecting the second part of shared revenue soon. Erik mentioned that the town has carried a balance of \$250,000, which was put in a CD to gain dividends, which has gained over \$8,000 so far.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Matt: Went on road review, the stop sign at the corner of 75th and 20th will be coming out. Suggesting that a sign for "oncoming traffic does not stop" on 20th coming from the opposite way. Mentioned burn out marks on nearby intersections. Others then mentioned increased speeding on the town roads as well.

Jake: Went on road review, learning about infrared treatments; a new way to help improve the roads. Has the map, working on summing up the mileage and will mull over it some more. Fall review gives more time to address issues and prepare what to bid in the spring. Have two meetings coming up next Monday, the Amery Fire Department and Northwestern Ambulance Service will both be doing their budgets. Expect increase for Northwestern Ambulance from \$14 to \$20 to help with debt service and looking into the future for cycling equipment. Also had a few calls regarding tonight's special meeting.

ROADS REPORT: Replaced culverts on 35th and 25th applied spray patch with the County a few days on our roads. Mowing the final mow for the year with the batwing.

CHIEF'S REPORT: No patrol in the town but investigated a shooting complaint – was an accidental discharge. The person responsible has taken care of the needed repairs in the neighbor's pole shed. Asking the board to email him if the town is made aware of "hotspots" that may need patrol.

ANIMAL REPORT: None

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Working on a lot of things with the potential purchase of property. Received a few calls about tonight's special meeting. The road review was good. Having a Fall review is good, putting us in a good position for next year with bidding, and would like to continue to have annual Fall reviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dale Wood and Matt thanked Aaron for a job well done on our roads and ditches. Dale Wood wants property owners to take care of their trees that are near the roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **DPFD Contract:** still working on getting equalized values. No action.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Adopt resolution 01-2024 approved by electors regarding disposal of the parcel of Town property located at 301 75th St. Clear Lake, WI per statute 60.10 (2)(g). Motion/second; Jake/Matt to adopt resolution 01-2024..** Note for the record that at the meeting of electors, they did approve this resolution, 39 to 10, with an amendment to add verbiage that the town is not liable for any contamination or clean up. **Roll call vote: Matt, aye; Erik, aye; Jake, aye. Resolution is adopted.**
2. **Adopt resolution 02-2024 approved by electors regarding purchase of the parcel of property located at 202 70th Street, Clear Lake, WI for Town operations, per statute 60.10 (2)(e).** This resolution was tabled by the electors to collect additional information to be presented at next month's Special Meeting of Electors on November 21st at 7:00pm. No action.

3. **Approve and Adopt resolution 03-2024 regarding increase of dog license fees: Motion/second; Jake/Erik to approve resolution 03-2024 to raise the prices to \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs, \$10 for un-spayed/neutered dogs, and \$50 for kennel licenses. Roll call vote: Matt, aye; Erik, aye; Jake, aye. Resolution approved and adopted.**
4. **Set date/time for a public hearing and a special meeting of electors to approve the 2025 budget: Motion/second; Erik/Jake to set meetings for Nov 21st beginning at 7:00pm. Motion carried.**
5. **Dumpster attendant position:** Matt explained that the dumpster job is a 2-person job, as was discussed at the most recent budget workshop. **Motion/second; Matt/Erik to have Terry and Marty both work as dumpster attendants, once per month, beginning in January of 2025.** Discussion about the necessity of two people here, public comments. **Matt requested an amendment to his motion to include raising both dumpster attendants' wages to \$15 per hour. Erik accepted the amendment. Motion carried.**
6. **Consider sale of material in Friendshuh's pit:** The clean fill that we have there is not used on our roads anymore as the material doesn't have much, if any, binder in it. What is there has growing weeds in it now. There is an interested buyer. Discussion. Poye told Aaron that he thought between 4 and 8 for fill. Is the town interested in selling it, and if so, at what price? Word is that Friendshuh's are looking to close their pit soon. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake to sell the fill that the town has in Friendshuh's pit for \$5 per yard. Motion carried.**

Motion/second; Jake/Matt to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted and posted by:

Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

Janel Belle Isle, Clerk