

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Chairman, Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor I, Jake Macholl; Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle; Clerk, Janel Belle Isle were also present.

There were 16 residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

MINUTES: Erik entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024 meeting. **Motion/second; Matt/Jake. Motion carried.**

APPROVE VOUCHERS:

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

CLERK REPORT:

Annual payroll reporting has been done and W-2s and 1099s distributed.

There will be a Spring Primary on February 18th for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, so I've switched to election mode. The Spring General Election will be on April 1st. Reminder that our annual meeting, by statute, should be Tuesday, April 15th. In the past, the date has been changed with ample notice to be on the 3rd Thursday, the same day as the regular board meeting. Also note that in the past, the regular board meeting has been moved to that Tuesday. Both are ok, so I think that should be an agenda item next month.

We received a letter from Randy Prochnow to schedule and confirm the Open Book and Board of Review dates for 2025. Agenda item?

The Wisconsin Towns Association Polk County Unit meeting will be at the Polk County Justice Center on January 23rd at 6:00pm.

TREASURER REPORT: Prepared and presented by the clerk in the treasurer's absence.

The Road Maintenance checking and savings accounts combined ended December with \$937.20. The savings account -02 started December with \$75,126.03. \$70,000 was transferred to general checking to pay bills and it gained \$90.90 in dividend, leaving a December end balance of \$5,216.93.

The general savings account remained at \$5.01.

Tax payments started coming in and are being deposited into the money market account -03 that had a starting balance of zero and a December month end balance of \$328,953.47.

The equipment fund gained \$103.29 in dividend and had a month end balance of \$64,113.15.

The CD that will mature in April of this year gained \$1075.60 in dividend in December, resulting in a balance of \$261,762.75.

The general checking account began the month of December with \$10,012.41 and received \$1,207,439.82 in deposits and paid out \$1,214,500.70 in payments. Those amounts included the \$1,100,000.00 loan that was received from Pillar Bank and paid out to Josh Reindeau. That money wasn't physically received into the bank account because it was transfers, but we have to show the passthrough on our books.

The town paid \$30,000 to the principal of that new loan in December, leaving a balance of \$1,070,000.00 at Pillar Bank.

The Westconsin Credit Union loan for 60th Avenue has a balance of \$265,632.76.

Asset balances as of today are: General checking \$41,231.47; General savings \$5.01; Equipment fund \$64,113.15; Tax collection savings \$1,003,082.54; Business savings \$5216.93; Road maintenance combined accounts \$937.20 and the CD has \$261,762.75.

Darcy has done a great job as treasurer staying on top of all the Town's funds and I want to publicly express my appreciation to him.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Matt: Still looking over things at new facility – CL Ambulance meeting is next week, we will have an agreement to sign and want that to be on the agenda for next month to discuss.

Jake: Received a few calls after tax bills came – gave them Randy Prochnow's information to contact with detailed questions and let them know that Open Book will be this spring. Northwest Ambulance Service has an executive committee meeting coming up in a couple weeks.

ROADS REPORT: Equipment and tools have been moved to the new shop. Had a few days of plowing and sanding. A company did some roadside mulching for the town to try it out. They did areas on 60th Ave, 105th and 50th and behind airport.

CHIEF'S REPORT: December was quiet. Officer Jamie Wood graduated academy and is in service.

ANIMAL REPORT: No complaints

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Alden had a company called 4 Control do some ditch spraying of invasive species and an application spray to slow the grass growth. They charge \$130 per mile; so, treating the whole town would cost \$7000. Will add it to road review to talk about it then. Went to the Deer Park Fire committee meeting. All agree the calculation should change to equalized vs assessed values, but no change for this year. A resident asked about our percentage and cost of the Deer Park service. Black Brook's bill will be \$8280 this year based on assessed value. Using equalized value moving forward, the bill will be about \$6800.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident voiced concern of the ditch spray mentioned in the Chairman report running off into groundwater and how safe it is.

A resident asked about our portion of the Deer Park Service bill. It will be \$8280 based on assessed value this year. When it is changed to equalized value, it will be about \$6700.

Two representatives from Pillar Bank attended to ask Black Brook to switch to using their services as the main depository. They said they offer competitive interest and dividend rates.

They gave a folder of information to each board member.

A resident about the progress of the upgrades at the new shop and their timeframe of completion. Erik explained that most are waiting until spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Town Hall Adhoc Committee Direction:** Original ad hoc committee included Dale Wood, Jamie Wood, Glen Clausen, and Dennis Carson. They are interested in remaining on the committee. Matt Belle Isle and Darcy Lorsung also attended a couple times. Erik explained three other residents are interested in joining the committee. They are Dave Lowe, Jason Kirk, and Neil Pickard. Discussion on the size of the committee. A resident voiced that he is upset about the purchase of the new shop. Erik tried to explain that the purchase of the new shop was voted on during an open meeting and his points were argued. Ben Strobach called point of order. Discussion about the committee's direction to find the best solution for the Town Hall. Erik listed some possible options for the future of the Town Hall including staying here; or build a new building at the new shop property; or take a portion of that new town shop and turn it into town hall space, or to rent town hall space. Recognition that there may be other options not yet presented.
Motion by Erik to appoint Dave Lowe, Jason Kirk and Neil Pickard to the ad hoc committee, and to ask the committee to investigate options for the future of the town hall, and to also cap the number of committee members to seven. Second by Jake. Discussion. **Motion carried.**
Erik will organize with Dale to get the first meeting scheduled.

Motion/second; Matt /Jake to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted and posted by:

Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

Janel Belle Isle, Clerk