



Village of Black Earth

Village Board Meeting

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

January 7th, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Called to order at 6:00 PM by President Moyer. Present - Terry Moyer, Scott Patchin, Pam Louis-Reindl, Mitch Hodson, Tyler Munson, and Dylan Helmenstine. Absent – Tom Marks. Also present – Matt Kahl – Public Works Director and Matthew Miller - Vierbicher
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all present.
3. Proof of Posting: A copy of the notice was delivered to the following By **Monday January 6th, 2025**: emailed to the Editor of Star News, MBE CPA – Black Earth, and Lake Ridge Bank – Black Earth; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Post Office, and Black Earth Web Page. – Read aloud by Terry Moyer.
4. Public Comment (Please limit to 3 minutes) – None today, no one from the public present.
5. Discussion/Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from: 12/3/2024 – Dylan Helmenstine moved to approve; Mitch Hodson seconded. No comments or questions. All ayes, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion/Action: South St./Caminiti Utility Easement Update – Matt Kahl updated that Lake Ridge Bank was able to notarize a mutual agreement drawn up by Clerk/Treasurer Craig Abegglen between the Village and Mr. Caminiti. Things will progress this spring. No action necessary on this item.
7. Discussion/Action: Vierbicher Proposed 2025 Contracts for Services - Planning Services agreement, Zoning Ordinance Review and Update agreement, Development Application Review agreement, and the Community Park Court Concept agreement presented by Matthew from Vierbicher. Mitch Hodson motioned to approve the contracts; Dylan Helmenstine seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion/Action: Dog Tag License Fee Update due to Increase from Dane County – Discussion was held regarding why the increase, and what these funds we are paying to the county are funding. Scott Patchin would like a follow-up at the next meeting with this topic and where the funds are going. Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine, seconded by Pam Louis-Reindl. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote – Scott Patchin opposed.
9. Discussion/Action: ARPA Fund Update – No update today, remove for future meetings.
10. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid – Motion to approve as presented by Pam Louis-Reindl, seconded by Scott Patchin. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Committee Reports
 - a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports (Abegglen) – Craig absent, no update today.
 - b. Vanguard Commission – No December meeting, next meeting 1/21/2025, no other updates.
 - c. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) – Relatively quiet, just finishing up some projects. Starting meter testing and reported that the lights at the tennis court should all be working again as they were able to do the necessary repairs on the fixtures.
 - d. Black Earth Fire District – No December meeting, next meeting 1/16/2025.
 - e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission – No December meeting, next meeting 1/16/2025.
 - f. Economic Development Committee – No update
 - g. Emergency Management – No update
 - h. EMS Committee – Next meeting 1/9/2025
 - i. Gateway to the Driftless - met 12/13/2025, had some representatives from Dane County Land and Water Resources come talk with them at this meeting with a summary of events of the year.
 - j. Library Board – Dylan Helmenstine reports Carla Hustad will be starting 2/3/2025 as the next Library Director. Was within budget for hiring, very excited for her to start with Black Earth Public Library. Also have a new strategic plan, 1,019 people with library cards, 660 of these are village residents which is ~42% of the last recorded population. New goals in the 2025-2030 plan – expansion, optimize space, use funds responsibility to serve the area.
 - k. Library Director Report – See above.

- l. President's Report (Moyer) – December was quiet, did close on the Sarbacker property on 12/31/2024. Met with Vierbicher's and some developers on Monday – Matt will elaborate. Excited though for future planning.
- m. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) – Ice rink is up and residents are using. Began picking up Christmas trees, finished brush pick up for the year. Did have a water main break 12/1/2024 on East St. Matt, Tony and Luke went to a continuing education class in Madison. Normal meter reading and some new meter installations with the new constructions going up. Parks received a \$1300.00 check from Groundswell, thinks there is about \$500 left in that grant, and the remainder of the Knowles-Nelson Grant as well to use for the Black Earth Creek Park renovation. Vierbicher meeting on Monday was regarding development on some different areas throughout the village. Communications and plans are being exchanged and this will be brought to the board at that time.
- n. Public Works Committee – Did not meet in December but will meet on January 27th.
- o. Parks Committee – Electing to cancel the January meeting, next meeting TBD.
- p. Police Committee – Working on setting up a meeting with Mazomanie's Public Safety Committee to discuss the logistics of the remainder of the new contract. Discussed with Officer Kartman, he said they are feeling comfortable with the new schedule so far.

12. Motion to enter closed session pursuant to

- a. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Discussion on Offer to Purchase Parcel # 107/080626428315)
- b. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." (Considering Employment, promotion, compensation or performance) (Roll Call Vote) – Motion to enter closed session by Dylan Helmenstine. Roll Call –Terry Moyer, Scott Patchin, Pam Louis-Reindl, Mitch Hodson, Tyler Munson and Dylan Helmenstine.

13. Motion to arise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session – Motion to arise from closed session by Scott Patchin, seconded by Mitch Hodson. All ayes, none opposed.

14. Discussion/Action: Closed Session items – Mitch Hodson makes a motion to accept the offer to purchase on Parcel 1070806-264-2831-5, seconded by Scott Patchin. No questions or comments. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas. – Second point of closed session, want to invite candidate in at the February meeting.

16. Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting: Tuesday February 4th, 2025.

17. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Tyler Munson, seconded by Dylan Helmenstine. Adjourned at 7:04PM. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Dani Eastman, Village Administrative Assistant from recorded audio.

Village Board Members

Terry Moyer, Scott Patchin, Pam Louis-Reindl, Tyler Munson, Mitch Hodson, Dylan Helmenstine, Tom Marks

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