

Black Earth Public Works & Utilities Committee

Monday, June 21, 2021 1:00 p.m. 1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Roll Call of Members of the Public Works Committee and Confirmation of Quorum.
- 3. Confirmation of Public Notice and Compliance with Open Meetings Laws. PROOF OF POSTING: A copy of the notice was delivered on 6/18/2021 to the following:
 - a. by fax to the Star News;
 - b. posted at Black Earth Municipal Building.
 - c. Black Earth Village Web Page,
 - d. by fax for posting to the State Bank of Cross Plains Black Earth branch
 - e. Posted at the Black Earth Post Office.
- 4. Public Comment (3 minutes per person).
- 5. Discussion/Action regarding the May 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- 6. Discussion/Action on Vanguard activity (ies).
- 7. Discussion/Action on creek clean up and establishing areas.
- 8. Discussion/Action on Water Exception requests and policy.
- 9. Discussion/Action on Public Works Director Report:
 - a. Equipment:
 - b. Projects:
 - i. Parrell Ditch
 - ii. Sidewalks
 - iii. Water audit with Rural Water
 - c. Training
 - d. Other:
- 10. Other items for future agenda discussions.
- 11. Set next public works committee meeting date.
- 12. Adjournment.

Please Note:

- It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other government bodies of them municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.
- Please note that upon reasonable notice, all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities through appropriate aids and service. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Municipal Clerk at 608-767-4901 or 1210 Mills Street, Black Earth, Wisconsin, or by fax at 608-767-2064.
- This notice may be amended in order to comply with Wisconsin's Open Meetings law. If this notice is amended, the final notice will be posted and provided to the media no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting or no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting, in the event of an emergency.
- Items on the agenda may result in a recommendation for action to the full Village Board.

Zoom Meeting option for Public

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Committee Members: Scott Patchin, James Coyle, Tyler Munson

Alternate: Mitch Hodson



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MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order. Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Benish called the meeting to order at 1:0 1 p.m. via Zoom.
- **2. Action on Committee Chair.** ACT Benish asked for a nomination of Committee Chair from the floor. Coyle/Munson motioned to nominate Patchin. Motion approved. Patchin took over as committee chair.
- 3. Roll Call of Members of the Public Works Committee and Confirmation of Quorum. Upon roll call present: Munson, Coyle, and Patchin. Also present: Village Pres. Hodson, ACT Benish, PWD Kahl, ES Dilley, T & C Engineers Brian Berquist and Nick Bubolz.
- **4.** Confirmation of Public Notice and Compliance with Open Meetings Laws. PROOF OF POSTING: A copy of the notice was delivered on 5/14/2021 to the following: Duly noticed.
 - a. by fax to the Star News;
 - b. posted at Black Earth Municipal Building,
 - c. Black Earth Village Web Page,
 - d. by fax for posting to the State Bank of Cross Plains Black Earth branch
 - e. Posted at the Black Earth Post Office.
- 5. Public Comment (3 minutes per person). No one present for Public Comment.
- **6.** Discussion/Action regarding the April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Coyle/Patchin motioned to approve minutes as presented from April 12, 2021. Motion approved.
- 7. Discussion/Action on Public Works & Utilities financials. ACT Benish reported the annual PSC reports were complete and submitted for Water and Electric Utilities. Updating Committee on key items.
 - a. Electric Utility revenue loss compared to 2019 sales was 6% or \$118,145. Large Power customers were primarily shut down due to COVID impacting the utility. Electric utility is also running in the red on a cash position. General fund is paying the electric bills currently. 2021 Revenues are slightly down at 3% in the first quarter in the Commercial Rural and Residential Rural revenues. Rate increase will be applied for per the PSC ruling of 2019, later this year to be effective early 2022. Need to watch expenses.
 - b. Water Utility revenues were good however, water loss is at 17% which is up. Concerned about tracking unsold water (flushing, leaks, hose testing). Water audit could be required to find leaks. PWD Kahl did have a conversation with Rural Water on testing for leaks. They would come in at no charge as part of our membership.
- 8. Discussion/Action on Rescue Plan funding. ACT Benish discussed latest updates on America Rescue Plan funding. Village is expected to receive \$140k over a period of time with half this year, the other half in next 2 years. Infrastructure improvements, Loss of Public Sector revenues, supporting small businesses are just a couple of areas where this could help. Asked committee to think about funds and Village projects that could qualify for this. Berquist added new projects may not be eligible. More information coming.
- 9. Discussion/Action on Vanguard activity (ies). Shawn Dilley reporting
 - a. John Carlson retired.
 - **b.** Wade is leaving for a position with WPPI
 - c. New Globe in at the Vet's Park light damaged.
 - d. Street Light Replacement Cost for Thorson Drive shared \$5k
 - e. Street Light Map shared
 - f. Substation metering issue with Alliant
 - g. Metering test of 3 phase meters resulted in a meter issue at Ripp Farms. Customer knows he will most likely get back billed as a result. Back billing allowed by PSC for 24 month period
 - h. Comparable Electric Data shared
 - i. New Homes & Hookup data shared
 - j. Vanguard meeting agenda will be sent to Scott Patchin now that he is PW Chair.
 - **k.** Thorson Light discussion- Patchin asked any interest to continue discussion? No interest expressed; light pollution; expense of light; Munson mentioned no immediate threat to public as a result of one not being there.

- 10. Discussion/Action on Creek issues identified with DNR- update. Matt getting quote from Boehnen's on work behind Public Works Shop. Working on establishing a list of areas that need attention without DNR permitting and then connecting with Trout's Unlimited. Nick from T & C will work up costs and permit items for budgeting in for next year work.
- 11. Discussion/Action on Cleary St. project. Final layer put down, punch list items being worked on, electric repair work being done. Final pay request will go to the Village Board's June meeting.
- **12. Discussion/Action on Caminiti Lot sewer/water connection.** Nick reported Caminiti will be delaying home construction another year. Discussion on road continuation & Premier property lines. Most likely does not qualify for ARP funds.
- **13. Discussion/Action on Fluoride treatments.** ACT Benish asked about survey questions needed as a follow up to last meeting and putting one out. Discussion on getting information in newsletter to start. Information received from local dentist. Will start with newsletter informing public first.
- 14. Discussion/Action on Public Works Director Report:
 - a. Equipment: Nothing on equipment at this time.
 - b. Projects:
 - i. Parrell Ditch- legal language depicts ditches in another area instead of the ones understood to be Village responsibility. 3 Ditches, but only 2 are Village responsibility. Legal language needs to be corrected. Quote to clean out approximately \$15k. Ditches last done in 2005 roughly. Patchin/Coyle motioned to move legal language changes to Village Board for approval to the attorney and Town & Country. Motion approved.
 - ii. Crack Filling 2021- Red Hawk, Thorson Court, Thorson Dr., Hillview and Village parking lot quote came to approximately \$20k. Patchin/Coyle motioned to move this item to the Village Board for approval. Motion approved.
 - *iii.* **Sidewalks-** Kahl reported: Nowhere with this yet. Nothing on mud jacking previously discussed areas; DOT has no records on crosswalks in Village being legally done; Hodson and Shoe Box, not heard back yet.
 - *iv.* **Hydrant Painting-** Kahl reported one company came back with 100 hydrant minimum to come to work another 50 hydrant minimum limit for \$125 per hydrant. Work would include blasting, primer and 1 coat of red for a total of \$6250. Plan to budget this in for 2021.
 - v. **Lift Stations** Kahl reported issues with lift station motors. Center St. motor is out. Cost from LW Allen \$600-\$800 plus an additional \$1000/day for them to come out and repair. Kahl also reported Cross Plains could come out with sewer vac to get the muck out. *Patchin/Coyle motioned to move this item to the Village Board for approval. Motion approved.*
 - **c. Training** Tony and Matt may attend a free training on water/well pumps that will include DNR certifications.
 - **d. Other: Summer Hours: Monday-**Thursday 7 am to 4:30 pm with Fridays 7 am to 11 am. Discussion on whether to make just for the summer or more permanent. Vanguard Electric adopted these hours permanently last year. *Patchin/Coyle motioned to start these hours but bring to Village Board for approval and discussion of summer only or permanent as Vanguard Electric does currently. <i>Motion approved.*
- 15. Other items for future agenda discussions. None at this time.
- **16.** Set next public works committee meeting date. June 21st, 2021 at 1 pm. This will be in person with an option to Zoom.
- 17. Adjournment. Coyle/Patchin motioned to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

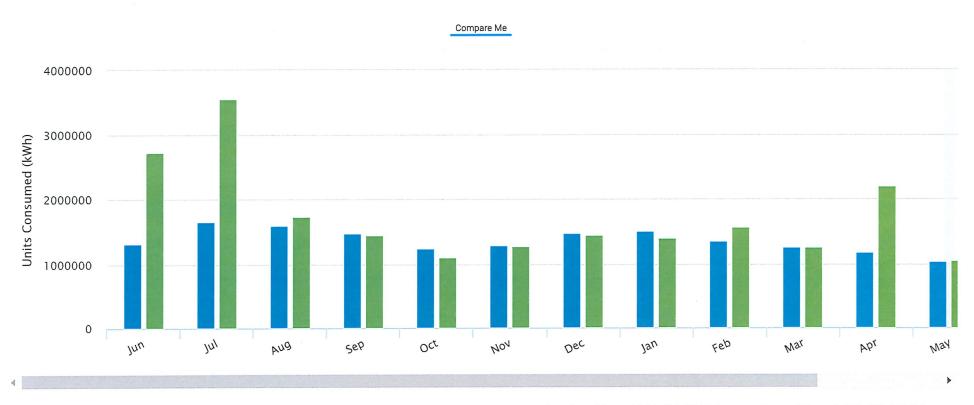
Shellie Benish, WCMC

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

SERVICE (https://myaccount.alliantenergy.com/Portal/service-request_template.aspx)







Previous Year: 1,046,400.00 kWh

Current Year: 1,051,200.00 kWh

This graph shows your usage for the current month compared to the same month last year. High usage or missing month could be due to receiving two bills in one month.

UTILITY CHARGES

Water Meter (WB)	Fire Protection (FP)
5/8" - 18.13	5/8" - \$20.81
3/4" - \$18.13	3/4" - \$20.81
1" - \$26.99	1" - \$27.19
1 1/4" - \$32.96	1 1/4" - \$35.02
1 1/2" - \$45.32	1 1/2" - \$41.20
2" - \$72.10	2" - \$61.80
3" - \$117.42	3" - \$84.46
4" - \$181.28	4" - \$105.06
6" - \$296.64	6" - \$125.66

Plus Water Consumption Charge (WU)

First 22,000 Gallons at \$2.27 / 1,000 Gallons

Next 88,000 Gallons at \$2.01 / 1,000 Gallons

Next 5,890,000 Gallons at \$1.77 / 1,000 Gallons

Over 6,000,000 Gallons at \$1.12 / 1,000 Gallons

Sewer Charge (SU) \$6.21 / 1,000 Gallons

Sewer Base Charge (SB) Bi-Monthly \$11.56

Bi-Monthly Stormwater Rates (ST) \$10.48

Per ERU

OUTSIDE WATER METER QUICK FACTS

- 1) The cost is \$85, which includes a \$10 rental fee for one month of use and a \$75 security deposit.
- If the meter is kept for more than one month, the additional monthly charges are taken off of the security deposit.
- 3) In order for the rental of the outside water meter to be cost effective, a minimum of 1,700 gallons must be used. For reference, 1,700 gallons is the equivalent of running your 5/8 inch hose for one hour and 45 minutes.
- 4) The Outdoor Water Meter allows residents to have the sewer use charge credited back to their account after they return the meter.

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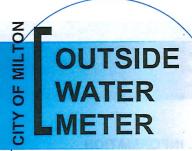
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General Information

Cost

Installation



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OUTSIDE WATER METERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Outside water meters can be used by residents for outdoor purposes. This includes establishing a new lawn, filling a pool, or watering your garden. A minimum of 1,700 gallons per month must be used to make it cost effective to use.

Water used outdoors is not discharged into the wastewater system. Therefore, residents can rent outside water meters to track their outdoor usage and receive a sewer use credit.

The meter is hooked up to an outdoor water spigot and the water used is tracked by the meter as

1,700 gallons must be used for this to be a cost effective option.

the water flows through it. The wastewater use credit is calculated and applied to the current utility bill after the meter is returned to City Hall. No adjustments will be made to the bill until the meter is returned.

COST

The cost is as follows:

- \$10 rental fee per month
- \$75 security deposit

The full \$85 is due at the time of the rental of the meter. If the meter is kept for more than one month, the additional rental fees are taken from the security deposit. As long as the meter is returned in good working order, the remaining security deposit is credited to the water account or returned as a check in the mail within 5 to 10 business days.

If the meter is damaged in any way, including leaving it out in freezing conditions, the security deposit will be forfeited. Additional costs may be incurred by the user as a charge on the water bill to cover the cost of purchasing a new meter.



INSTALLATION

Disconnect the water meter's hose from the starred end and connect it to the water spigot on the home. Then connect your hose to the starred end of the meter. The water should always flow in the direction of the arrow (circled) to ensure an accurate reading.



WATER/SEWER USAGE EXCEPTION PERMIT

This document should be completed by utility customers who want to avoid sewer charges for water that is used to fill swimming pools, water new lawns or landscaping, or other such excessive water usage as approved by the Black Earth Village Office staff or Board.

DATE REQUESTED:	
PERMITTEE NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
DATE OF WATER USAGE:	
WATER METER READING START:	
WATER METER READING END:	
PERMITTEE SIGNATURE:	
APPROVAL OF VILLAGE OFFICE STAFF:	
DATE ISSUED/APPROVED:	
CALCULATIONS BY STAFF:	