



# Village of Black Earth

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1210 Mills St. \* Black Earth, WI 53515  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call** President Hodson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Upon roll call present: Hodson, Coyle, Brammerson, Munson, Patchin, Moyer. Mary Scott absent at time of roll call. Also present: ACT Benish, PWD Kahl, Library Director Anderson.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** *Recited.*

**3. Proof of Posting:** A copy of the notice was delivered to the following on 2/25/2022, faxed to the Star News; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building and Black Earth Post Office, posted on the Black Earth Web Page ([www.blackearthwisconsin.com](http://www.blackearthwisconsin.com)) and faxed for posting to the State Bank of Cross Plains – Black Earth Branch. Duly Noted. *Mary Scott enters meeting at 6:02 pm.*

**4. Public Input.** Resident stated the newspaper is still listing the Village Board meeting at the old 6:30pm start time.

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion/Action regarding Puppy Mills Ordinance.  
*Hodson/Patchin motion to adopt Puppy Mill Ordinance. Motion carried 7-0.*
- b. Discussion/action regarding Village Board minutes of 2/1/2022  
*Moyer/Hodson motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.*
- c. Discussion/Action Treasurer's Report – January 2022 and Financial Reports for February
  - i. Benish reviewed reports. Audit begins next week. Working on electric rate case study, still looking at least 8.5% increase from the PSC.  
*Hodson/Brammerson motion to approve financial reports. Motion carried 7-0.*
- d. Discussion/action on Invoices to be paid.
  - i. Patchin questioned \$50 monthly charge from PSN (Payment Service Network). Patchin requested Benish ask for the fee be waived. Hodson agreed.
  - ii. Brammerson questioned "BEvents" charge, group affiliation. Hodson clarified that it is the final payout from Field Days 2021 and that the group is completely separate from the Village.  
*Hodson/Brammerson motion to approve invoices to be paid. Motion carried 7-0.*

#### 6. REPORTS:

- a. Vanguard Commission (Hodson) Next meeting 3/15 6:30pm
  - i. Electrical Superintendent Report (Dilley) Issues with accounting system resolved. BE and Mazo both have bills and reports they were waiting on. Seminar last week, grant opportunities for electric infrastructure.
- b. Black Earth Fire District (M Scott): Next meeting 3/3.
- c. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission (Coyle): Met 2/17. No discharge violations. Working on facility report with engineering firm.
- d. Economic Development Committee: (Hodson): Met 2/16. Local business outreach assignments.
- e. Emergency Management Committee (M Scott):
  - i. Funding Opportunities
    1. Discussed various grant opportunities she has been made aware of. Hodson requested she share list she received to review.
- f. EMS Committee (Brammerson): Next meeting 3/10.
- g. Library Board (Moyer) Reviewed and approved annual report. Hosting exchange student from Belgium. Angie Updike stepping off of library board.
  - i. Library Director (Anderson): Hired two new Substitute Library Assistants. Looking into a website migration, update at end of March. Discussed trustee onboarding process. Voter registration drive 3/9 with League of Women Voters.

- h. Public Works Committee (Patchin) met 2/22. Working on moving electric utilities for new school, approx. \$8500-10k. Need a new jetter and street sweeper. 32k in reserved purchase fund, 30k in sewer replacement fund, ARPA funding also. Looking at used equipment to try and get caught up.
  - i. Public Works Director (Kahl) Working on cutting down park trees. Trying to do controlled burns, waiting for weather to cooperate. Lost a compost dump site. Dane co parks purchased land, no longer can dump. Parks committee decided to do mulching at Tower Heights Park (water tower park), trying to coordinate with Vanguard April 4 Next meeting at 10am.

*Munson exits meeting at 6:54pm.*

- i. Parks Committee (Brammerson) met 2/21. Discussed Cooper property. Due to nature of the building FD cannot use for burn training. Hoping to list building on Wisconsin Surplus. Suggested a commemorative marker for Cooper. Ash trees in Vets park coming down, looking to replace.

*Munson returns to meeting at 6:59pm.*

- j. Police Committee (Patchin): Next meeting 3/15.

**7. Any Other Business That May Be Brought before the Board on future agendas:**

- a. Library final annual report.
- b. Brammerson requested grant writer firm be discussed next meeting

**8. Meeting Announcements: Tuesday, April 12, 6pm.**

**9. Adjournment of Village Board Meeting**

*Coyle/Brammerson motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dani Franco  
Deputy Clerk*