



Village of Black Earth

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1210 Mills St. * Black Earth, WI 53515
Tuesday, April 12, 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, Patchin, M. Scott, Brammerson, Moyer, Munson. Also present: ACT Benish, Deputy Clerk Franco, PWD Kahl, Library Director Anderson.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** *Recited.*
3. **Proof of Posting:** *Noted.*

ACT Benish requested the Village Board to amend the agenda for a late-arrival operator license application for Griffin Parks of Black Earth Lanes to be reviewed with the other operator licenses.
Brammerson/Munson motion to accept the request and review the additional license application. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Public Input.** *None.*
5. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Discussion/Action on Temporary Class B License – Home Talent 2022
Hodson/Moyer motion to approve license, waive fees. Motion carried 7-0.
 - b. Discussion/Action on Operator License Applications
 - i. Daren Helmenstine
 - ii. Renee Bratton
 - iii. Griffin Parks*Moyer/Patchin motion to approve operator licenses for Daren Helmenstine, Renee Bratton, and Griffin Parks. Motion carried 7-0.*
 - c. Discussion on Annual Library Report
 - i. Anderson presented overview of annual report.
 - d. Discussion/Action on Wisconsin Heights PTO Requests:
 - i. Park Reservation-waiver of fees
 - ii. Amplifying Device Permit & waiver of fees.*Coyle/Moyer to approve both applications and waive fees. Motion carried 7-0.*
 - e. Discussion/Action on Horribly Hilly Hundreds Street Permit for June 18, 2022
 - i. PWD Kahl stated that last year, had to run a hose from concession stand to Bugs Lee Shelter, caused on-call pay. Discussion on responsibility of groups to contact Village prior to event.
Hodson/Munson to approve permit. Motion carried 7-0.
 - f. Discussion/Action on Request for Proposal – Economic Development; grants; planning
 - i. Discussion on hiring/contracting grant writer/grant writing firm. Questions on if other nearby communities have done the same. Interested in going out for bid for this type of work.
 - ii. Hodson instructed all committees to discuss topics/interests for bid request to address and to bring two ideas back to the next board meeting.
 - g. Discussion/action regarding Village Board minutes of 3/1/2022
Moyer/Brammerson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - h. Discussion/Action on financials: Treasurer’s Report – February 2022; Revenue & Expense-March, 2022
 - i. Benish gives Treasurer’s Report. Revenues down in Large Power category. Rate case is in, PSC is in review stage.
Hodson/ Brammerson to approve reports. Motion carried 7-0.
 - i. Discussion/action on Invoices to be paid.
Patchin/Moyer to approve invoices to be paid. Motion carried 7-0.
 - j. Consideration/motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 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 (Police Contract changes) (Roll call vote)

At 6:42pm Patchin/Hodson motioned to go into closed session. Roll call: Hodson, Coyle, Brammerson, Patchin, M. Scott, Moyer, Munson: 7-0, all yes.

- k. Consideration/motion to arise from closed session
Patchin/Brammerson motion to arise from closed session. Motion carried 7-0. Arose from closed session at 7:03pm.
- l. Consideration/motion on any closed session items
 - i. No action.

6. REPORTS:

- a. Vanguard Commission - Patchin attended meeting. – purchased new bucket truck. Expected delivery June 2023.
 - i. Electrical Superintendent Report (Dilley) *Absent.*
- b. Black Earth Fire District (M Scott): Did not meet. Next meeting 5/5.
- c. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission (Coyle): Hodson attended. No discharge violations. Phosphate reimbursement discussion. Arena connection fees discussion. Next meeting 4/21.
- d. Economic Development Committee: (Hodson): Reviewed business replies, had good information. Going to link businesses to our website. Talking with Miles and BE Chamber to try to get things moving. Grant applications.
- e. Emergency Management Committee (M Scott): did not meet.
- f. EMS Committee (Brammerson): Budget items. Jim Wick's last meeting. No assistant director applications as of 3/10. Hodson stated that since the last meeting, Assistant Director has been hired. Discussion on video cameras on trucks, discuss more next meeting. Looking into reaching out to Arena, Cross Plains, look at possibly a regional pool instead of individual.
- g. Library Board (Moyer)
 - i. Library Director (Anderson)
 - 1. Looking at doing a space needs assessment, very beginning stages. 5-10 year plan. Meet and Greet event scheduled for community members to meet and get to know the Library Director. 1 year review soon. Started Teen Advisory Board, hugely successful even though brand new.
- h. Public Works Committee (Patchin) April 4th last meeting. Chip sealing.
 - i. Public Works Director (Kahl) Truck work, Bobcat tires, tree trimming with Vanguard. Waiting for weather to warm up to open up park bathrooms. Looking at equipment options – sewer jetter and street sweeper. Chip sealing scheduled for Turkey Road from Hwy F. Town of BE doing Town side of Turkey Rd, we will do Village side while company and equipment are out there, save time & cost.
 - i. Parks Committee (Brammerson) Discussed Cooper property, parking situation. Discussed placing buildings on surplus. Basketball court discussion – repave/replace.
 - i. Police Committee (Patchin) discussed calls. \$8k for summer rec plans.

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

- a. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant
- b. Main Street
- c. BIL grant
- d. Carryover funds resolution

8. Meeting Announcements: Organizational Meeting, Personnel Meeting TBD. Village Board May 3, 2022; Board of Review May 10, 6p-8p, Open book May 19th.

9. Adjournment of Village Board Meeting

Hodson thanked Trustee Mary Scott for her service over the past two years; this being the last meeting of her term.

Patchin/M. Scott motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dani Franco, Deputy Clerk