



Village of Black Earth

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call President Terry Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present: Terry Moyer, Scott Patchin, James Coyle, Pam Louis-Reindl, Sarah Morrow, Tyler Munson, Mitch Hodson. Also Present: Vanguard Superintendent Kurt Meier, Public Works Director Matt Kahl, Clerk Dani Fields.
2. Pledge of Allegiance *Recited*
3. Proof of Posting: *Read aloud.*
4. Public Comment: *None.*
5. Discussion/Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024 and March 18, 2024 *Louis-Reindl/Morrow motion to approve March 5, 2024 minutes as presented. March 18 minutes not in packet. Will be included in packet for May once received.*
6. Discussion/Action: Operator License Applications: Troy Esser, Amy Perron *Hodson/Louis-Reindl motion to approve as presented. Motion carried. Coyle abstained.*
7. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2024-01 Low Mow May *Morrow/Hodson motion to approve resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*
8. Discussion/Action: Ripp Subdivision Stormwater Management and Retention Pond Maintenance
 - a. PWD Kahl stated that this project has been approved at the Public Works Committee level. It was removed from the budget during planning. This needs to be maintained; has been 15/17 years since last maintained. Engineers estimated about \$80k for the project. *Hodson/Louis-Reindl motion to approve project 6-1 James opposed.*
9. Discussion/Action: Plan Commission Recommendation Approval of Conditional Use Permit for 1529 State Street, Black Earth. Intended Use: Animal Hospital/Veterinary Clinic, Pet Grooming. Application submitted by B and T Happy Tails LLC. *Louis-Reindl/Tyler motion to approve conditional use application as presented and approved by the Plan Commission. Motion carried unanimously.*
10. Discussion/Action: Vierbicher Economic Development Planning – Community Housing Survey, Comprehensive Plan Update *Morrow/Hodson motion to approve the Community Housing Survey and Comprehensive Plan update contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*
11. Discussion/Action: Committee Assignments
 - a. Moyer will be making appointments and will be sending emails to board members for committee requests.
 - b. Moyer stated it was Coyle's last board meeting after the April election results. She thanked him for 16 years of service on board.
12. Discussion/Action: GO Note Spending
 - a. Public Works Committee to discuss Public Works building painting and Municipal Building skylight options.
13. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid *Patchin/Louis-Reindl motion to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*
14. Reports:
 - a. Black Earth Fire District (Moyer) met 3/14. Meetings with Towns of Vermont and Mazomanie are ongoing for rural driveways. The repeater was replaced and now placed in fire department. Raised approx. \$12k at breakfast fundraiser. Next meeting May 9.
 - b. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports (Fields) report presented.
 - c. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission (Coyle) Did not attend 3/21 meeting – received summary from Superintendent: reviewed bills. Should hear true up information in June. No discharge violations. Next meeting April 18.
 - d. Economic Development Committee (Louis-Reindl) Working on planning meeting with Groundswell Conservancy.
 - e. Emergency Management (Munson) TBD

- f. EMS Committee (Louis-Reindl) Did not attend last meeting. 1st meeting for interim Director Parman, EMS class nearly finished. Breunig doing month end.
 - g. Gateway to the Driftless (Munson) Not met; next meeting 4/25 930am.
 - h. Library Board (Morrow) Deferred to Director Anderson.
 - i. Library Director Report (Anderson) Met March 19. Celebrating National Library Workers Day and Library week. Eclipse yesterday; had two separate programs - Private at Wisconsin Heights School and public at Veterans Park. Had 140 interactions at Easter egg event 3/30. Had a kids' election for the month of march leading up to the election. Favorite food was pizza and favorite pet was dogs. Fundraising feasibility study underway. Working on social media policy. Library having a staff development day; AED and overdose kit training in partnership with District One EMS. Blood Pressure Monitoring days, Taylor Swift Party, Teen Advisory Board planned.
 - j. President's Report (Moyer) Attended Sauk Prairie Healthcare community input session. Going to send to Vierbicher for a starting point for community surveys.
 - k. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) Discussed parking stall and crosswalk painting. Ripp stormwater. Town and Country finalizing reports for roads. Discussed chip sealing and crack filling projects. Discussed generator projects. Working with Tony Walker for several survey projects. Electric substation and Water tower. Discussed sidewalk plans, using \$5k for trip hazard remediation. Working on valve exercising. Borrowed a tool for stubborn valves from WI Rural Water. Plans for street sweeper, gearing up for spring. Getting bids for Hillside Rd. Tony went to a conference for water credits. Tony just hit his 20 year anniversary with the Village of Black Earth. Working on opening up park bathrooms.
 - l. Public Works Committee (Patchin) Met the 19th, left early for another meeting.
 - m. Parks Committee (Hodson) Met 3/25 Working on trees for Vets Park. Ballfield groomer was approved for purchase. Weed and feed, and Thatching work for parks approved. Discussion on security cameras in parks. Scott has been researching, will bring back next meeting.
 - n. Police Committee (Morrow) Met 3/12. Discussed staffing for field days in August. Discussed Mazo/Black Earth coverage. Shared coverage going well.
 - o. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) Interviews started for new line worker. Hopefully making an offer. Approx. 50-60 candidates. Taylor took and passed Journeyman test. Able to finish paperwork for substation piece purchase from Alliant; able to purchase for \$1.00. Vanguard to take down structure and bring back to Black Earth, will save money. Met with ATC for substation project meeting. Finalizaing timeline and planning.
 - p. Vanguard Commission (Patchin) Met the 19th. Next meeting May 21st.
- 15.** Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 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. (Black Earth Creek Park Building Demolition Bids; Development, Sale, Planning for Parcel 107/0806-264-2831-5; Co-Op Property Purchase Update, Parcel 0806-264-8653-9 & 0806-262-9845-7; Dane County Police Services Contract) (Roll call vote) Patchin read the notice aloud. Patchin/Coyle motion to enter into closed session. Roll was taken, unanimous. Entered into closed session at 6:55 pm.
- 16.** Motion to arise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session
Patchin/Louis-Reindl motion to arise from closed session at 8:04pm. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17.** Discussion/Action on Closed Session items
Hodson/Munson motion to approve Lawns Unlimited to do demolition work for Black Earth Creek Park. Motion carried unanimously.
Munson/Hodson motion to purchase the co-op property (Parcels 0806-264-8653-9 & 0806-262-9845-7) as-is, with the contingency to not be held liable for future off-site contamination. Motion carried 5-1, with Coyle opposed and Morrow abstaining from the vote Motion carried.
- 18.** Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas
- a. Police
 - b. Committee assignments
- 19.** Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting: May 7, 2024
- 20.** Adjournment
Coyle/Patchin motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.