

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 19, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by at 8:00 p.m., by . Chairman Charlie Barney, Supervisor II Dave Paulson, Treasurer, Cindy Nelson and Clerk Sally Pickard were present. Supervisor I Loren Liedl, was absent.

The reading of the meeting notice pursuant to Wisconsin Stats §19.83 was made.

Agenda: A motion by Supervisor Paulson , seconded by Chairman Barney to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed unanimously - 2 yes.

Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Paulson, seconded by Chairman Barney, to approve November 2009 minutes. Motion passed unanimously - 2 yes.

Vouchers: . A motion by Supervisor Paulson seconded by Chairman Barney, to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously - 2 yes.

CLERK'S REPORT

Got an e-mail from Sabrina regarding TRIP program and funds available - application due by January 7, 2010. We have no projects that would qualify at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Beginning bank balance was \$47,321.57. with deposits of \$51,886.85 - this includes 5.59 int check written were \$11,734.41 and \$1,621.08 was electronically transferred for State and Federal Withholding leaving a balance as of November 30, 2009 of \$85,852.93 Money Market earned interest of \$169.64 leaving a balance of \$148,655.70; Park Fund - interest of .17 leaving a balance of \$837.53 and Savings is \$6.17. 6 mo CD balance is \$10,188.76 so all accounts as of 11- 30-09 is \$245,541.09.

As of today, bank balance is \$244,881.31 which includes \$1,136.91 in outstanding checks and \$230.71 are old ones which will be added back in the next few months.

Will be collecting taxes at the town hall on December 28th from 4-7 p.m. and January 30th 10-1p.m. Got the tax information yesterday and the 73 escrow letters sent off. New this year is a condensed tax roll so this can be put on the county web site so won't have to print off tax rolls. Will print off 20 in case they don't have access to computer.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Loren - absent

Dave - Nothing

PLANNING COMMISSION

Did not meet this month.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

January agenda put what to do with the CD when it matures.

Got a letter from the US Dept of Interior which was sent to us and the neighboring land owners on the Kobernick Water Fowl Protection Area - They are going to turn it in to a Prairie Wetland and Savannah Habitat. They will be doing some burning and other things. They have been given a burning permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Review current ordinances - This can be removed from agenda for now.

Update on Radio grants - We have received approval to purchase new radios with grant monies. With the e-mail from the county indicating approval, there were specifications that need to be met. The distributor will provide training and we will need to adopt an operational and usage policy that outline appropriate use of mutual aid channels. Will look at this in January. We are reimbursed 75% up to a maximum of \$1000/portable radio and up to \$2000/mobile radio. So we are responsible for 25% of the bill. Originally talked about going with DSC Communications in Superior. Bid for mobile radios are \$1600 so our portion would be \$400 and we are eligible for 2 of these. The portable radios are \$750.00 so our cost for the 3 radios would be about \$1000.00. Chairman did talk to Jim Pankonien and our radios will soon be obsolete, which is why we were approved for the grant. **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Paulson to accept the bid from DSC Communications of Superior to purchase radios. Motion passed unanimously.**

Open Bids for 5th Ave., We received a bid from Monarch Paving and Asphalt Associates for a wedge and overlay to be done on 5th Ave from the curve to 85th St.- about 1 ½ miles, Asphalt Associates bid is \$73,535. Monarch's bid is \$68,279.50. **A Motion by Supervisor Paulson, seconded by Chairman Barney to accept the bid from Monarch Paving in the amount of \$68,279.50 for the work on 5th Ave., Motion passed unanimously. 2 yes.**

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of of Election workers for a 2 yr term: We need to appoint election officials every 2 years. I am presenting the following candidates for approval: Cindy Nelson and Janet Arcand, as Chief Inspectors, they just completed their retraining certification. Sarah Rudeen, Wanita Frohme, Wanda Johnson, Anita Ladwig, Margie Amundson, Kathy Gehrman, Elaine Solum, Joanne Alling and Irene Stindle. We are very fortunate to have this many people willing to serve in this capacity. A normal election we use 5 people. The option to split a shift is also available. **A Motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Paulson to approve the following people to serve as election specialists for the next 2 years beginning January 1, 2010 Cindy Nelson and Janet Arcand, Sarah Rudeen, Wanita Frohme, Wanda Johnson, Anita Ladwig, Margie Amundson, Kathy Gehrman, Elaine Solum, Joanne Alling and Irene Stindle. Motion passed 2 yes.**

Amery Economic Development Corporation: They are seeking a \$500 donation in 2010 from the township. **A Motion by Supervisor Paulson, seconded by Chairman Barney to reject this request as it is not a budgeted item. Motion passed 2 yes.** Chairman requests that a letter be sent that it is not in our budget at this time and respectfully decline.

Update on Clerk's computer. Gene & Tammy Kukowski from the Amery Pawn Shop has contacted Chairman Barney regarding a computer for the clerk. He gets these in on occasion and has offered to get us an upgrade with flat screen for about \$150.00. **A Motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Paulson to accept this generous offer on a computer for the clerk. Motion passed unanimously. 2 yes.**

Holiday Gifts. In the past we have given Holiday gifts to the 3 paid employees. **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Paulson to give holiday gifts in the amount of \$100 to Kent Eggert, \$25 to Floyd Mork and \$25 to Terry Witthoft. Motion passed. 2 yes.**

A motion by Chairman Barney seconded by Supervisor Paulson to adjourn to the January 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed. 2 yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Pickard, Clerk