

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 15, 2018
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chairman Charlie Barney. Supervisor I George Fowler, Supervisor II Erik Henningsgard, Clerk Sally Pickard and Treasurer Cindy Nelson were also present.

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

Agenda: A motion by Supervisor Fowler seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.

Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the October, 2018 minutes. Motion passed unanimously – 3 yes.

Vouchers: A motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously –3 yes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Great turn out for the election. We had 581 voters with 47 new registrations.

We were randomly selected to conduct a post election audit of our election machines. This will take place on Tuesday, November 20th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Received a letter from the Amery Free Press regarding advertisement. They have gone digital with the news paper and for \$25/ insertion our notice would appear on their digital print. I think we could do it on a case by case basis on special meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$ 98,483.66 with deposits of \$32,854.96 which includes \$42.37 of interest. Checks written were \$15,767.49 as well as \$2,000.59 which was electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding leaving a balance as of October 31, 2018 of \$113,570.54; Savings earned .02 interest for a balance of \$30.47; Money Market earned interest of \$134.72 which leaves a balance of \$138,070.96; 6 month CD #30 earned \$12.93 interest with a balance of \$12,118.45; 6 month CD #31 earned \$19.90 interest with a balance of \$20,195.17. Total of all accounts as of October 31, 2018 is \$283,985.59.

There is one outstanding check for \$530.00 to mailcom for taxes.

Treasurer did put the \$353 balance on the fire call on the tax roll for collection.

With regard to adding to the equipment fund CD #31 renews on November 22nd, which is Thanksgiving so will go to WCU the following Monday and close that one out and add \$20,000 from checking for the equipment fund. So, right now we have \$32,000 in the equipment fund and then will add the \$20,000 for this year. May look at using some money for some type of storage shed as we are out of room. Will look into that later this spring.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Nothing

Eric Henningsgard: Nothing

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meeting tonight. Making good progress. Everyone is showing up. Will report more in the old business.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

From the sound of the furnace, we need to make a call to get that looked at in the morning. Chairman get that taken care of.

Has informed the resident by the church that we will not be getting involved with regard to their issue and will not be tearing up the blacktop and things have been quiet.

The other issue with noise on the south end of the town, the chairman went down there and they have purchased a new generator which is noise compliant. He could hear a slight droan from the road, but nothing that is obsessive. So hopefully this has now been resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Comprehensive Plan. Had a productive meeting tonight – got through Chapter 5 updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion regarding road damage on 60th Ave by Xcel Energy: Clerk has drafted a letter, but needs revision, and now nothing will be done until spring. Because we won't get it done now before Spring, so we will just let it go. Next time they tell us it will be taken care of, names will be taken.

Update regarding billing City of Amery for mowing and Plowing shared roads: We did not get a check for this, so will send a bill if we don't get paid next month and add on charges.

Discussion-Decision regarding billing of residents regarding animal control calls: We will have Tim Scott look at the current ordinance and see what needs to be added to allow us to charge the residents for animal control calls. Clerk will send what we currently have and have him review it for billing purposes and we can discuss next month. Would like it so the Animal Control Officer billing us and then we will bill the residents.

Update regarding Polk County Ordinance Repealing Designation & Service Contract for Humane Society and Revising Limits on Claims Made against Dog License Fund. Waiting to hear what Polk County board decided.

Discussion-Decision regarding billing and collecting for unpaid fire calls, both residents and non-residents. We got information from Atty Tim Scott as to the relevant statute. Clerk will send out a second letter advising them to turn the same into insurance company or provide us the name of company so we can contact them. Will send the letters via certified mail. Will send a check to the fire department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Deer Park Fire Department Agreement: We got a letter from them regarding their new proposal and they will now be sending a bill to both the person causing the fire and the town as there is a time limit on collecting from the State of Wisconsin if the fire/accident was caused on a State highway. Because of the time limit, we may be outside of the collection period so will check on that before sending out certified letters on these past two calls.

Election Machine Audit As was stated above, the audit will take place on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Adopt 2019 Budget Resolution 2-2018 to adopt the 2019 budget, **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Fowler, to approve Resolution 2-2018 adopting the 2019 budget and levy amount of \$319,619.64 for a mil rate of .002885054.** There is a correction to the resolution in that the amount should read \$310,619.64. With that correction to resolution 2-2018, **the Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

Holiday Gifts for Employees: **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to give holiday gifts to the employees as has been done in the past. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

A Motion by Supervisor Fowler, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to adjourn to the December 20, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Barney, Chairman

Sally Pickard, Clerk