

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 18, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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. Motion passed unanimously–3 yes.

Minutes: A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the January 21, 2021 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:

Got a thank you from the family of Attorney Tim Scott for the memorial.

Got a 2% refund from Rural Mutual Insurance due to pandemic.

WITC is looking for representative to serve on their board for a 3 yr term starting July 1, 2021. They will meet in March to discuss this. If interested contact WITC 800-243-9482 prior to this date.

Universal Truck hosting open house on May 12th if interested, let Clerk know.

Primary election was Tuesday. Very low turn out – 33 in person and 22 of 33 absentee ballots returned.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning bank balance was \$331,075.92; with deposits of \$935,731.02 with \$68.16 in interest. Checks written were \$563,227.95 as well as \$2,122.91 electronically transferred for State and Federal withholding, leaving a balance as of January 31, 2021 of \$701,456.08; Savings earned .35 interest and \$50,375.56 was transferred to checking for a balance of \$32.57. Money Market earned interest of \$28.13 for a balance of \$41,435.13; 6 mo. CD #30 was closed \$12,364.74 was transferred to checking; 6 mo. Total of all accounts on January 31, 2021 is \$742,923.78

4 outstanding checks - \$13,436.44, one of these a pre-pay for the new truck, but they can't cash it until they have an invoice to attach it to. A good amount of the monies will go out tonight for the tax settlements.

United Fund collected \$415 that is split between 6 different organizations in WI.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

George Fowler: Amery Ambulance is still working to merge with Northland Ambulance Service out of Luck. Still trying to figure out who will do what and they need to have all Towns vote on it. The 2 ambulances and property they have is about the same the difference is Amery runs with a paramedic.

Erik Henningsgard: Nothing

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Got calls from the security company at 10:30 and 11:30, of alarm going off. Went through all the buildings, didn't find anything, but had to wait for Sheriff Deputy to arrive. While waiting, Chairman thinks it may have been an icicle dropping off the roof as he heard a loud noise. Got a 2nd call at 11:30 – so must have been a malfunction. Clerk talked to them, and they are going to monitor the activity and they will talk to us next week. Contact name will need to change after the election.

Chairman will be gone from the 15th – 22nd as will Supervisor Henningsgard, therefore, we will need to change the date for the March meeting. **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to move the March meeting to 8:00 p.m. March 25th. Motion passed unanimously 3 yes.**

Chairman received a letter from Polk County Administrator Vince Netherland about a vision for a “Centerpiece Sports & Agriculture Complex” that the county board is in the early talking stage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Glen Clausen mentioned that the Plan Commission talked about putting in a canoe lift by the 46 Bridge. Talked to the State, County, DNR and Amery about this and sounds like it will happen at some point. DNR has some grant money, but it has to be handicapped accessible. Not sure if that will happen as trying to keep it simple and low cost. He will keep us updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Comprehensive Plan. No update.

Discussion on Road Agreement with 3D Dumpsters. Eric and Charlie talked with him and have reached an agreement for the coming year, where we won't put a road restriction on 70th. This has been a good working relationship and trying to do the best for the Town and his business. This agreement is just temporary and will be more complete once we have a new attorney in place. There was also discussion as to the road agreement on 60th as there is a big dip where the culvert went in, but it looks like that was for only a year. 60th needs a good overlay, which may take most of the budget this year. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve the road agreement with 3D Dumpsters. Motion passed unanimously. 3 yes.**

Continue discussion and review of Codification of Ordinances relating to Building Codes and Chapter 14 Subdivision & Planning. This will be moved to next month for review as it hasn't been reviewed.

A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to table discussion regarding Chapter 14 to next month. Motion passed unanimously. Three (3) yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding looking for a new town attorney: Clerk provided the name of an attorney from Baldwin who is interested in getting into Municipal Law. Tim Strobusch provided her name. There was actually a call at the law office from the Town of Osceola looking for a new attorney. She would be willing to work with us at the rate Tim Scott charged. Will reach out and see if she could come to the next meeting.

Discussion and approval regarding Ordinance 2021-01 relating to issuing Provisional Retail Licensing pursuant to Wisconsin Stats. 125.187. This came up due to the fact that Countryside Cooperative has been sold and they need to apply for a new license, under their new name. State indicated that we needed an Ordinance to issue a provisional license when we can't get the publication and other requirements made in time. Clerk reached out to Alan Harvey, who provided us with an Ordinance. The cost per statute is \$15 for the provisional license and the actual license is pro-rated based on the yearly fee. **A motion by Supervisor Henningsgard, seconded by Supervisor Fowler to approve Ordinance 2021-01 Regarding Provisional Retail Alcohol License. Motion approved unanimously 3 yes.**

Discussion and approval of Provisional Retail License for Landmark Services Cooperative, Formerly Countryside Cooperative. We received a request from Landmark Services Cooperative requesting a provisional license due to the purchase of Countryside Cooperative. **A motion by Chairman Barney, seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard, to approve the provisional license for Landmark Services Cooperative beginning March 1, 2021.**

Question raised about the front steps. Chairman Barney explained what was going to be happening with the entrance and ramp. Also commented that OJ Aune would like to mow the cemetery as there are veterans buried there so Chairman Barney gave him permission and thanked him. Clerk brought out map of the cemetery so Oliver would have something to go by.

A motion by Supervisor Fowler, Seconded by Supervisor Henningsgard to adjourn to the March 25, 2021 meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Barney, Chairman

Sally Pickard, Clerk