

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 1, 2025

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM. Supervisors Joann Bennett, Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Jason Handel, Steve Parrell, Peter Weil, Tom Ripp, Bob and Jan Paiva, and Chris Cole.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 3, 2025. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2025, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items. Peter Weil reported on ATV usage on Turkey Road and inquired about the equipment near the field road on Turkey Road.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$367,143.43 Checking: \$91,787.22
 - b. Approval of written checks. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12613-12625, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Plan Commission.
 - a. Juan Calzada, 5087 Schultz Rd – driveway construction permit. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell presented the commission’s recommendation to approve the driveway construction permit as presented. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the driveway construction permit as submitted by Juan Calzada. Motion carried. 3-0
 - b. Consideration of Cell Tower Ordinance – update. Joann Bennett presented the discussion from the commission meeting.
8. Patrolman’s Report. Town Patrolman Jason Handel received a quote of \$700 from Olson Toon to remove the stump on Fesenfeld Road; chip sealing is estimated to begin in July, but no date has been set yet from Boehnen’s for culvert replacement and ditch work.
9. Reeve Rd bridge – WisDOT/Lynch & Associates kick-off meeting update. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler reported that in the coming weeks, PSI Intertec will conduct soil borings to prepare a Geotechnical Report. Additionally, Heartland Ecological Group will develop the wetland delineation, and surveyors will locate the wetland flags and survey the structure and road area.

10. Fesenfeld Rd/Sutcliffe Rd – road speed signs, speed board results. Town Chair Tom Turk explained that the town board will review the speed board results once they are collected, and that cautionary speed signs have been ordered.
11. Noise disturbance, Fesenfeld Rd – update. Town Chair Tom Turk reported that the noise issue has been resolved.
12. Wisconsin Elections Commission Grant application – wi.gov email addresses. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will prepare the grant application for the wi.gov email address and will set up .com emails for the board members.
13. Broadband internet service – TDS fiber optic cable installation projects. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the TDS Utility Work Permit to bury fiber in the right-of-way on Page Lane, Miller Farm Road, and Olson Road, and to waive the \$100.00 Utility Work Permit fee. Motion carried. 3-0
14. EMS Board Report. Tom Turk reported that the EMS board is working on hiring a full-time EMS chief.
15. Fire Board Report. The upcoming meeting is on Thursday, July 3.
16. Discussion of future agenda items.
17. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk