

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2025

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Supervisors Joann Bennett, Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Jason Handel and Jan Paiva.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 3-0
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – July 1, 2025. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2025, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items. Jan Paiva inquired about the status of the speed signs and related matters for Fesenfeld and Sutcliffe Roads; she thanked the town for installing the blind driveway sign.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$314,963.45 Checking: \$76,836.87
 - b. Approval of written checks. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12626-12638, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. Patrolman’s Report. Town Patrolman Jason Handel reported that Sutcliffe and Deneen Roads were chipsealed; cautionary speed signs were installed at both ends of Sutcliffe and Fesenfeld Roads; and he encourages residents to put up personal signs to slow down drivers if they wish.
8. Reeve Rd bridge – update. No update at this time.
9. Broadband internet service – TDS invited the Town Board to their celebratory groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction on their rural network upgrade project in Dane County on August 14, 2025.
10. EMS Board Report. Town Chair Tom Turk announced that an agreement has been reached to offer the EMS Chief position to Camden Parman and that the EMS board inquired about input from municipalities on budgeting preferences for a future ambulance.
11. Fire Board Report. No update this month.

12. Discussion of future agenda items. Possible driveway and rezone applications.
13. Adjourn. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk