

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Supervisors Joann Bennett, Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Jason Handel, Steve Parrell, and Peter Weil.
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 – August 5, 2025. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2025, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Financial Report.
  - a. Money Market: \$414,244.90                      Checking: \$16,912.85
  - b. Approval of written checks. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12639-12644, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
6. Plan Commission.
  - a. Tylor & Alyssa Statz, 5005 Reeve Rd – driveway construction permit. Joann Bennett presented the Plan Commission recommendation to postpone the application until Dane Co. Land and Water Resources reviews the wetland proximity; Additionally, the town's ordinance may impose limits on the number of driveways a property owner can have, so further discussion is necessary.
7. Patrolman's Report. Town Patrolman Jason Handel reported that the four culverts and ditch work on Reeve Road are complete; salt delivery is scheduled for September; the electrical issues on the plow truck have been repaired; the truck will receive an oil change and be serviced for winter.
8. Culvert recommendations at 5208 Reeve Rd. The Town Board discussed the existing driveway culvert. Tom Turk moved and Joann Bennett seconded a motion to direct the Town Clerk to send a certified letter to property owner Ted Severson, requiring the replacement of the driveway culvert within 45 days from receipt of the letter, or the town will replace it and invoice the property owner. Motion carried. 3-0
9. Reeve Rd bridge – update. No update at this time.

10. 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. Peter Weil presented questions that need clarification from TDS, including the timetable and scheduling of work gaps, and on the various types of cabling that may be utilized to reach residential homes.
11. Set date for Budget Work Meeting. The Budget Work Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, and will immediately follow the Town Board meeting, at approximately 7:00 PM.
12. EMS Board Report. No update this month.
13. Fire Board Report. The next meeting is Thursday, September 4, 2025.
14. Discussion of future agenda items. Possible driveway and rezone applications.
15. Adjourn. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk