

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2025

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. Supervisors Joann Bennett, Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Jason Handel.
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 – September 2, 2025. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from September 2, 2025, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$349,327.43 Checking: \$32,271.42
 - b. Approval of written checks. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12645-12659, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
6. Plan Commission.
 - a. Levi Yoder, north of 5250 John Wilkinson Rd – land division and zoning changes to create (2) residential lots, and include the transfer of (1) development right; Dane Co. Petition Number DCPREZ-2025-12211. Plan Commission postponed action until the next meeting on November 4, 2025.
7. Patrolman’s Report. Road Patrolman Jason Handel will continue mowing; R&R Doors is repairing a garage door issue; the Mack truck was taken to Burke Truck to repair an electrical issue and is currently at Premier Cooperative for transmission and annual service. Scott Construction is expected to pave Reeve Rd and patch two culverts at the end of next week. Town Chair Tom Turk will contact Ted Severson regarding his driveway culvert.
8. WI DOT Local Roads certification. The Town Board reviewed the WI DOT Local Roads map and road list.
9. WI DOT Local Road Program – LRIP application. The Town Board identified the section of Midland Road beginning at CTH KP for the upcoming LRIP application. The application is due to Dane County by November 1, 2025.
10. Reeve Rd bridge – update. No updates.

11. Broadband internet service – update. No updates.
12. Purchase treasurer’s laptop, IT/remote backup services. Treasurer Brenda Kahl reported that the current laptop was updated and has no issues at this time. She discussed IT services and computer back-up off site from Troll Bytes. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler will contact Troll Bytes for a quote. Barb Parrell moved and Tom Turk seconded the motion to approve funding up to \$1500.00 for a laptop and necessary equipment, if needed. Motion carried. 3-0
13. Set date for Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors. The Town Board reviewed scheduling options for November. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded a motion to hold the 2026 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors on Monday, October 27, 2025.
14. EMS Board Report. Town Chair Tom Turk reported that the EMS budget was approved.
15. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that the fire department budget was approved at the last meeting.
16. Discussion of future agenda items. IT/backup services, Yoder rezone, budget.
17. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk