

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Supervisors Joann Bennett, Barb Parrell, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Jason Handel, Peter Weil, Steve Parrell, Levi Yoder, Andy Mast, Cody O’Connell, and Tom Flogel.
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 – October 7 and October 27, 2025. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 7 and October 27, 2025, as presented. Motion carried. 3-0
5. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items. None presented.
6. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$341,198.59 Checking: \$13,134.10
 - b. Approval of written checks. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12660-12663, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried. 3-0
7. 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. Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the land division and zoning changes for 33 acres from FP-35 to RM-16 and 11.5 acres from FP-35 to RM-8, and include the transfer of (1) development right on DCPREZ-2025-12211, as revised. Motion carried. 3-0
8. Patrolman’s Report. Road Patrolman Jason Handel reported that the Reeve Road wedging and paving project by Scott Construction is completed; the Mack truck is at Premier Cooperative for maintenance work; applied for the TRIP grant for Midland Road.
9. Reeve Rd bridge – update. No updates.
10. Broadband internet service – update. Dane County Broadband Committee member Peter Weil shared correspondence from Angie Dickinson, TDS State Government Affairs Manager, indicating that TDS intends to deploy fiber-to-the-premises at all locations in the rural network upgrade project.

11. IT/remote backup services – Troll Bytes quote. Clerk Stephanie Zwettler presented the quote for remote IT services from Troll Bytes:

- IT Support/General Weekly Maintenance/Anti-Virus Security: \$30/month/computer.
- Backup software is a cloud-based solution sent securely to the company's cloud provider: \$10/month/computer.

Tom Turk moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the IT Support and backup software services as quoted from Troll Bytes, at \$40/month x 2 for both the clerk and treasurer laptops. Motion carried. 3-0

12. Adopt 2026 Town Budget. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the 2026 Town Budget as presented at the Budget Hearing on October 27, 2025. Motion carried. 3-0

13. EMS Board Report. Town Chair Tom Turk reported that the next meeting is coming up.

14. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that the next meeting is on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

15. Discussion of future agenda items. Newsletter, debt service review.

16. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk