

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

1. Meeting call to Order. Town Chair Tom Turk called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Supervisors Barb Parrell, Joann Bennett, Treasurer Brenda Kahl, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Jason Handel, Steve Parrell, and Peter Wood.
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.
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 6, 2026. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2026, as presented. Motion carried. 2-0
5. Financial Report.
 - a. Money Market: \$1,120,746.24 Checking: \$36,109.63
 - b. Approval of written checks. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12699-12718, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried.
6. Plan Commission.
 - a. Andrew Mast, north of 5250 John Wilkinson Rd – driveway construction permit. Joann Bennett presented the Plan Commission’s recommendation to table the application until further information can be presented.
 - b. Land Use Plan amendments – updating language for Transfer of Development Rights program, Conditional Use Permits, Accessory Dwelling Units. Joann Bennett presented the discussion to invite Dane County Planning to the next meeting.
7. Patrolman’s Report. Town Patrolman Jason Handel reported the tree trimming by Olson Toon; will attend the Wisconsin Towns Association Road School in April.
8. 2026 Road Projects, set bid opening and contract award dates. The Town Board discussed the town roads, compiled repair status information, and identified the roads to be repaired in 2026. Several town roads will require various crack-filling, which will be completed later in the year as time and materials permit. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the identified road repairs, set the bid due date for 5:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2023; the bid opening for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026; and to consider and award road repair contracts at the Town Board meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2026. Motion carried.
9. Reeve Rd bridge – update. No update this month.

10. EMS Board Report. No new update this month.
11. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that the fire department hopes to receive a portion of each municipality's supplemental shared revenue.
12. Future agenda items.
13. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk