Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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 Tylor Statz.

2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.

3. Approval of the Agenda. Joann Bennett moved and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 22, 2026. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report.
   a. Money Market: $412,336.30 Checking: $16,766.88
   b. Approval of written checks. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve written checks numbered 12853-12862, including direct deposit paychecks. Motion carried.

6. Plan Commission – Tylor Statz, 5005 Reeve Rd – Conditional Use Permit – outdoor storage, DCPCUP-2026-02726. The Town Board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit application submitted to Dane County Zoning. Barb Parrell inquired about on-site salt storage, and the applicant responded that the salt is contained with concrete blocks and covered with tarps. Joann Bennett moved, and Barb Parrell seconded the motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented. Motion carried.

7. Patrolman's Report:
   a. Garage door opener – review quotes. The Town Board reviewed two quotes to replace garage door at the town garage. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to approve the garage door purchase from Garage Door Express for $1875.00. Motion carried.

   Town Patrolman Jason Handel reported that he is waiting for the culvert on Reeve Road to be replaced, that the new Woods mower should be delivered soon, and that he expressed concern about garbage and recycling bins that residents place at the edge of the roads.

8. Assessor – updates, contract review. The Town Board reviewed both contracts presented by Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Service, one for a 2027 Interim Market Update Evaluation Contract, and the other for the 2027-2029 Maintenance Contract. The Clerk will request that the addresses in the contracts be updated.

9. WI DOT Local Roads certification. The Town Board reviewed the WI DOT Local Roads map and road list.

10. Reeve Rd bridge – update. No update.

11. Legal representation – discussion. The Town Board discussed potential attorneys for town representation.

12. Set date for Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Elections. The Town Board reviewed scheduling options for November. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded a motion to hold the 2027 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors on Thursday, November 12, 2026.

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

14. Fire Board Report. Supervisor Barb Parrell reported that the next meeting is in early November.

15. Future agenda items. Legal representation, garbage/recycling bin placement.

16. Adjourn. Barb Parrell moved and Joann Bennett seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk