



Village of Black Earth

Village Board Meeting

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

February 4th, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Present: Moyer, Hodson, Louis-Reindl (virtual), Patchin, Marks, Munson (6:12pm) Absent: Helmenstine
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Proof of Posting: A copy of the notice was delivered to the following By **Monday February 3, 2025**: emailed to the Editor of Star News, MBE CPA – Black Earth, and Lake Ridge Bank – Black Earth; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Post Office, and Black Earth Web Page. Read in by Moyer
4. Public Comment (Please limit to 3 minutes) – Representative for Black Earth Creek Trail.
5. Motion to enter closed session pursuant to
 - a. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g), Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Pilot agreement.
 - b. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Grant writer hiring. (Roll Call Vote) – Motion by Hodson, second by Patchin to enter into closed session. Roll call: Moyer, yes: Hodson, yes: Louis-Reindl, yes: Patchin, yes: Marks, yes: Motion carried 6:06pm
6. Motion to arise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session – Motion by Hodson. Second by Patchin. Returned to open session. 6:18 pm.
7. Discussion/Action: Closed Session items Motion by Hodson to approve 20 hours for grant writer to read over the Comprehensive Plan and assess what is available to us for grants. Second by Munson. Voice vote 5-0, Marks Abstained. Motion carried.
8. Discussion/Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from: 1/7/2025 – Motion by Hodson to approve minutes. Second by Munson. Motion Carried.
9. Discussion/Action: South St./Caminiti Utility Easement Update – no action.
10. Discussion/Action: Dog Tag License Fee Update due to Increase from Dane County – Motion by Munson to approve the Dog Fee increase as presented. Second by Hodson. Motion Caried 4-2.
11. Discussion/Action: Resolution #2025-01 Black Earth Creek Trail – Motion to approve Resolution #2025-01 Black Earth Creek Trail, second by Marks. Motion Carried 6-0.
12. Discussion/Action: Recommendation from Public Works for Truck Purchase – Motion by Hodson to approve the purchase of a truck for Public Works based on the recommendation from committee. Second by Patchin. Motion Carried.
13. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid – Motion by Hodson to approve Invoices to be paid. Second by Munson. Motion carried.
14. Committee Reports
 - a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports (Abegglen) - 2023 audit should be done at the end of February. Johnson Block has been contacted to be the new auditors. Election is February 18, 2025. Dani Eastman is now a Notary Public. Ehlers is working on our electric rate case for next Month's board meeting.
 - b. Vanguard Commission - none
 - c. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) – They are still shorthanded. They have offered someone the position.
 - d. Black Earth Fire District – Officers reappointed.
 - e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission – No violations. Next meeting Feb 20.
 - f. Economic Development Committee - none
 - g. Emergency Management - none
 - h. EMS Committee – Chief indicated the intention to leave. Board has begun preparing for hiring process. Next meeting March 6, 2025.
 - i. Gateway to the Driftless - none
 - j. Library Board – New Director, Carla Huston, started this week. Looking for another trustee to appoint.
 - k. Library Director Report - none
 - l. President's Report (Moyer) -
 - m. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) –
 - n. Public Works Committee - Feb 24 at 5:30 next meeting
 - o. Parks Committee - none
 - p. Police Committee - Meeting was cancelled
15. Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas.
16. Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting: Tuesday March 4th, 2025.
17. Adjournment – Motion by Patchin, second by Marks. Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm

Craig Abegglen
Clerk/Treasurer