



Village of Black Earth
Village Board Meeting
1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: Terry Moyer, Mitch Hodson, Dylan Helmenstine, Jen Schuetz, Nathan Cavanagh, Tom Marks and Joe Winandy. Also in attendance is Matt Kahl – Public Works Director, Carla Huston – Library Director, Kurt Meier – Vanguard Electric Superintendent.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.
3. A copy of the agenda notice was delivered to the following By Monday, March 2, 2026: emailed to the Editor of the Times Tribune - Black Earth; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Post Office, and the Black Earth Web Page. – Read aloud by Terry Moyer.
4. Public Comment (Please limit to 3 minutes)
 - a. Dennis Wood – Presented quantity of road debris from sealcoating on the road from 3-ish years ago. Wondering if there is a different/better source of street maintenance? Matt Kahl has been discussing with other cities, villages, and our engineer and this is still by far the most cost-effective way to preserve the streets.
5. Discussion/Action: Approval of meeting minutes from February 3, 2026. – Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine, second by Jen Schuetz. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
6. Discussion/Action: Appointment of Sydney Haase to Plan Commission as a Citizen Member – Motion to approve this appointment by Terry Moyer, second by Mitch Hodson. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
7. Discussion/Action: Birdman Effigy Mound Plaque – David Stanfield and Wayne Barsness from the Historical Society to present information on the proposed plaque. David and Wayne to work with Matt Kahl regarding placement in the park. No action today, all informative.
8. Discussion: Black Earth American Legion Property – Gary Ballweg and Dennis Wood and Guests, John Heinz and Travis Pauley, from the Legion present for the discussion tonight. Legion wanted to remind the Village Board of their obligation to the American Legion for property or space in a community center for property exchanged many years ago. No action today, all informative.
9. Discussion/Action: Horribly Hilly Hundred Street Use Application – June 13, 2026.
 - a. Usually the association reserves Community Park, but it was not available this year so HHH will be stopping and using Veterans Park – Maps are not updated yet to reflect this.
 1. Motion to approve the application by Dylan Helmenstine, second by Mitch Hodson. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
10. Discussion/Action: Vierbicher Agreement – Village of Black Earth Boundary Legal Description
 - a. Needed for annexing the Village owned parcels – Substation (2 parcels) and Water Tower (1 parcel).
 1. Motion to approve the agreement by Mitch Hodson, second by Nathan Cavanagh. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
11. Discussion/Action: Operator License: New Application – Black Earth Lanes: Makenzie Hendrickson – Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine, second by Jen Schuetz. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
12. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid - Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine second by Tom Marks. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
13. Committee Reports
 - a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports – Financials Provided by Beth Marty
 - b. Vanguard Commission (Hodson) – Not met, next meeting is March 17th.
 - c. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) – Working on tree trimming.
 - d. Black Earth Fire District (Moyer) – Not met yet.
 - e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission (Moyer) – Next meeting March 19th.
 - f. Economic Development Committee (Helmenstine) – March 9th hosting a meeting regarding Dane County Recreational Trail progression.
 - g. Emergency Management (Helmenstine) – Next meeting March 5th
 - h. EMS Committee (Helmenstine) – Were able to apply for a state funded program to cover the cost of the generator. EMS is compiling a list of capital improvements for future consideration.

- i. Gateway to the Driftless (Schuetz) – Next meeting is scheduled.
 - j. Library Board (Cavanagh) – Trivia night raised over \$1,300. Questions about budgeting start to end. Next meeting on March 17th.
 - k. Library Director Report (Huston) – Provided the 2025 Annual Report Summary.
 - l. President's Report (Moyer) – Met with a staffer from Mark Pohan's office, had a nice conversation last Thursday. There is a resolution sent to the board by a past board member. This is for individual review, forward any questions/comments to Terry, up for possible discussion at the next meeting.
 - m. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) – Had some wind damage to the municipal building here, working on getting quotes for insurance purposes. Clock out front is working again. Started brush collection yesterday. Working on attending continuing education classes for water license. Attended the career fair at the WHSD.
 - n. Public Works Committee (Hodson) – Next meeting March 31st
 - o. Parks Committee – Next meeting March 31st
 - p. Police Committee (Moyer) – Officer Teuscher has been promoted, last days with us will be in April. Spoke with Lieutenant Vandever to begin discussions regarding replacement.
- 14.** Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas.
- a. Amish Signs
 - b. Night Market/Vendor Fair
 - c. Keeping of Animals – Maximum Number of Pets to be Kept
- 15.** Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM? (Spring Election 4/7)
- 16.** Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Mitch Hodson, second by Tom Marks, all ayes none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Minutes taken by Dani Eastman – Deputy Clerk/Treasurer from meeting audio.

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