



Village of Black Earth
Village Board Meeting
1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Called to order by Terry Moyer at 6:00PM. In attendance: Terry Moyer, Jen Schuetz, Nathan Cavanagh, Tom Marks and Joe Winandy. Absent is Mitch Hodson and Dylan Helmenstine. Also present is Matt Kahl – Public Works Director, Kurt Meier – Vanguard Superintendent, Carla Huston – Library Director and Andy Kurtz – Vierbicher Planner.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all.
3. A copy of the agenda notice was delivered to the following By Tuesday, April 7, 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) – No public in attendance.
5. Discussion/Action: Approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2026. – Motion by Jen Schuetz, second by Nathan Cavanagh all ayes none opposed motion carried.
6. Discussion/Action: Update on CUP for 1705 Center St – Little Pines Bilingual Daycare. – Update provided by Andy Kurtz from Vierbicher for the Village Board. No questions or concerns from the Village Board. No action for this item is required today.
Dylan Helmenstine entered the meeting at 6:04PM.
7. Discussion/Action: Black Earth Home Talent Baseball Applications
 - a. Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailer’s License - Motion to approve application by Nathan Cavanagh, second by Jen Schuetz. No questions or concerns, all ayes none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Operator’s License Renewal – Daren Helmenstine – Motion to approve application by Jen Schuetz, second by Nathan Cavanagh. No questions or concerns, all ayes none opposed. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Dylan Helmenstine abstaining.
8. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid – Motion to approve invoices as presented by Dylan Helmenstine, second by Joe Winandy. No questions or concerns, all ayes none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports – Reports provided by Beth Marty.
 - b. Vanguard Commission (Hodson) – Finishing up their internal annual audit. Next meeting is May 19th.
 - c. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) – Wrapped up tree trimming. Focusing on work in Mazomanie.
 - d. Black Earth Fire District (Moyer) – Met March 12th. Conversations are continuing regarding consolidation between the BEFD and Mazomanie Fire Department. Next meeting is May 7th.
 - e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission (Moyer) – Met March 19th and March 26th. Jeff Moyer will be retiring in June so they are have hired staff to fill his retirement. He will be helping with training during the transition in the next few months.
 - f. Economic Development Committee (Helmenstine) – Planned for April 29th, due to committees not being established meeting will be postponed.
 - g. Emergency Management (Helmenstine) – No meeting scheduled at this time.
 - h. EMS Committee (Helmenstine) – Met March 12th, will meet next on April 30th to discuss staff changes.
 - i. Gateway to the Driftless (Schuetz) – Met March 12th. Next meeting TBD.
 - j. Library Board (Cavanagh) – Met March 17th. Friends of the Library will be doing a book sale in April. VFW has expressed interest in joining the expansion committee. Budget review in June. Looking into replacing some furniture in the library for ADA Compliance.
 - k. Library Director Report (Huston) – Integrated Library System will be happening in April. Book Sale will be happening next week. Arts and Craft Swap will be the week following. Expansion Committee created sub-committees, one of which met with UW Civil Engineering Professors to discuss designs.
 - l. President’s Report (Moyer) – March 18th met with Officer Vandever to discuss Officer Teuscher’s departure from the department and beginning the interview process. Will meet again May 11th to begin meeting with officers. Probably won’t have a new officer on staff until middle of summer. Hosted a trail meeting on March 9th. Audits are being prepped. Will be working on handbook updates and will also be working on committee assignments.

- m. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) – Attended Rural Water Conference in Green Bay a couple weeks ago. Crew has been working on water meter change outs, gearing up for spring and opening up bathrooms. Both Parks and Public Works Committees met on March 31st. Moving forward with deciding on an electronic meter reading system. Discussed building repair from the storm damage in February. Meeting with some street contractors for doing street maintenance. No meetings currently scheduled at this time will be decided after committees are set. The park grant is coming due, so working on getting that money spent, did get an extension to allow for placing a proper bid advertisement for the shelter. The small ball diamond will be getting some updates, will make the field more accessible for various age groups. Continued discussions regarding the potential for mountain biking trails in Tower Heights Park. Looking into purchasing cameras for Veterans Park.
 - n. Police Committee (Moyer) - Not met.
- 10.** Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas.
- a. Electronic Meter Read Systems
 - b. Cameras for the Parks
- 11.** Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
- 12.** Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Jen Schuetz, second by Joe Winandy. All ayes, none opposed meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.

Meeting minutes taken from meeting audio by Dani Eastman – Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Village Board Members

Terry Moyer, Mitch Hodson, Dylan Helmenstine, Jen Schuetz, Nathan Cavanagh, Tom Marks and Joe Winandy

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