



**Village of Black Earth**  
**Village Board Meeting**  
1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515  
July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, | 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Called to order at 6:00 PM by President Terry Moyer. Attending: Terry Moyer, Mitch Hodson, Pam Louis-Reindl, Dylan Helmenstine, Tyler Munson, Jen Schuetz and Nathan Cavanagh. Also in attendance, Public Works Director – Matt Kahl, Vanguard Superintendent – Kurt Meier.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.
3. Proof of Posting: A copy of the notice was delivered to the following By **Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**: 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) – None, all public is in attendance for agenda items.
5. Discussion/Action: Partnership Opportunity with The Grove Regional Community Center - No discussion/action tonight. Will extend invitation/reminder to the board for Monday September 15, 2025 @ 6:00-7:30 PM for additional information and brainstorming with other local municipalities/township and the school board.
  - a. Pastor Rob Nelson, Jamie Mawhinney and Kaia Nelson to present and answer questions
6. Discussion/Action: filing a Test Year 2025 Electric Rate Case Application with the Public Service Commission, memo by Ehlers – Motion to approve Ehlers file the Electric Rate Case Application with the PSC by Mitch Hodson, seconded by Pam Louis-Reindl. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  - a. Brian Roemer and Ariana Schmidt to be in attendance via Zoom to answer any questions.
7. Discussion/Action: Approval of meeting minutes:
  - a. May 7, 2025 – Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine, seconded by Mitch Hodson. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  - b. June 3, 2025 - Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine, seconded by Pam Louis-Reindl. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
8. Discussion/Action: Committee Assignments
  - a. Citizen Appointments for Village Committees – Motion to approve by Jen Schuetz to approve all citizen community members. Seconded by Tyler Munson. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
    1. Board of Appeals – Joe Winandy and Lili Crane
    2. Plan Commission – Joe Winandy and Tom Marks
    3. Economic Development – Tom Marks
9. Discussion/Action: Ordinance Amendments:
  - a. 236-11 Street Use – Motion to update/amend as presented by Mitch Hodson, seconded by Dylan Helmenstine. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  - b. 100-3 Animal Refuse – Motion to update/amend as presented by Pam Louis-Reindl, seconded by Tyler Munson. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
10. Discussion/Action: Street Use Application Amendment
  - a. Application for Webb St closure – Mills to Center. Submitted by Kris Evans (Black Earth Lanes) for a car show on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>.
    1. Approved 6/3/2025 for closure of 6 hours per ordinance at that time. Applicant looking to close 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM.
      1. Motion to approve above application of street closure from 11:00AM – 10:00PM by Mitch Hodson, seconded by Nathan Cavanagh. All ayes, none opposed.
11. Discussion/Action: Applications for BEvents Committee – All fees waived due to community event.
  - a. Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailer’s License – Motion to approve by Mitch Hodson, seconded by Pam Louis-Reindl. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  - b. Field Days – August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
    1. Street Use
    2. Fireworks Display
    3. Amplifying Devices

#### 4. Park Reservation

- a. Motion to approve all applications by Mitch Hodson, seconded by Pam Louis-Reindl. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
12. Discussion/Action: Dane County Urban County Consortium Renewal FFY 2026-2028 – Motion to approve by Dylan Helmenstine, seconded by Pam Louis-Reindl. Discussion that by the Village being a part of this consortium it is not allowed to apply for other state grants. 6 ayes, 1 (Mitch Hodson) opposed. Motion carried.
  13. Discussion/Action: Chicken Application – Motion by Pam Louis-Reindl, seconded by Dylan Helmenstine. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
    - a. 1435 Spring St. – Elliot and Faith Fahlen
  14. Discussion/Action: UTV Signage in Village Limits – Motion to approve changing UTV hours of operation to 5:00 AM start time by Mitch Hodson. Seconded by Dylan Helmenstine. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  15. Discussion/Action: Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to the Sharing of Costs For Law Enforcement – Motion to approve as presented by Pam Louis-Reindl seconded by Mitch Hodson. Agreement states that we would bill Mazomanie quarterly for police expenses as we have the means to track this and create formal invoices. Office staff was OK with this. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  16. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid - Motion to approve invoices to be paid by Mitch Hodson, seconded by Tyler Munson. All ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.
  17. Committee Reports
    - a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports – No other information.
    - b. Vanguard Commission (Hodson) – No meeting yet, next meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - c. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) – Working on the substation and other projects. Hoping to be done with the substation by the middle of August. Numbers came back for HWY 14 conversion to underground – \$500,000-\$700,000 which would be reimbursed by ATC.
    - d. Black Earth Fire District (Moyer) – No meeting, next meeting is July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission (Moyer) – Met June 19<sup>th</sup> reviewed budget, discussed new truck purchase. Vendors are coming in to do demonstrations for some equipment. Next meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - f. Economic Development Committee (Louis-Reindl) – No meeting yet.
    - g. Emergency Management (Helmenstine) – Working through the 2019 draft. Next meeting is July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - h. EMS Committee (Helmenstine) – In the middle of hiring a chief. Meeting Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> to hopefully finish the process. The Committee will be choosing a new consultant to act on the grant that was awarded to the Village of Mazomanie to help with the EMS merger.
    - i. Gateway to the Driftless (Schuetz) – Met on June 5<sup>th</sup>, discussed the draft copies of Dane Counties Open Park Space. Updated their website which includes a searchable map for businesses, it is a little out of date so they are working on getting this updated. Next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7AM.
    - j. Library Board (Cavanagh) – Met on June 17<sup>th</sup>, discussed appointment of new trustees. No Friends of the Library report. Treasury report balanced. Discussed holiday closures. Discussed that library computers do not have filters. Discussion of the form to use the meeting room and that if there was an emergency/rescheduled village related meeting that that would take precedence, which led to a much larger discussion of needed expanded library and “third” space for the community to utilize. Next meeting is July 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - k. Library Director Report (Huston)
    - l. President’s Report (Moyer) – Committees are filled, working on the job description for the Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer which will get posted next week. Hoping to have someone for budget preparation.
    - m. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) – Chip sealing done, crack filling done, Terry hired a part time public works employee to help with mowing which will help take some work load off the crew and get back to working other projects. Water Main Valves were gone through – uses a tool that is received from WRWA, some valves are getting a little stubborn and the Village may need to look into purchasing an actual piece of equipment to have on hand in house to open/close these valves in the future.
    - n. Public Works Committee (Hodson) – Discussed the water plant analysis, Village is good well wise until about 2044 with the possibility that the Village may need an additional pump. Well houses will need to be updated along with some of the equipment which the Village may need to do some borrowing for. Next meeting July 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - o. Parks Committee (Louis-Reindl) – See above, next meeting July 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - p. Police Committee (Moyer) – Met on June 10<sup>th</sup>, set the rest of the meetings – September 9<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>. Can meet fluidly but at minimum quarterly. Calvin Watkins is out on leave, the Villages have reached out to Dane County Sheriff Office about coverage for his absence, but they are not offering anything as of now.

18. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to WIS Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Presidential Authority and Parcel # **107/0806-264-8653-9**) (Roll Call) – Motion to enter closed session by Dylan Helmenstine, seconded by Tyler Munson. In attendance – Mitch Hodson, Jen Schuetz, Dylan Helmenstine, Nathan Cavanagh, Pam Louis-Reindl, Terry Moyer, Tyler Munson and also attending Matt Kahl – Public Works Director.
19. Motion to arise from closed session and reconvene in open session. Moved to open session at 8:01 PM.
20. Discussion/Action: closed session Items – None today.
21. Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas.
  - a. MOU with Dane County Planning/Zoning Funding
22. Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:00 PM – Confirmed.
23. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Dylan Helmenstine, seconded by Jen Schuetz. All ayes, none opposed. Adjourned at 8:02PM.

Minutes taken from meeting audio by Dani Eastman, Village Administrative Assistant.

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Village Board Members

Terry Moyer, Pam Louis-Reindl, Tyler Munson, Mitch Hodson, Dylan Helmenstine, Jen Schuetz, Nathan Cavanagh

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