



Black Earth Public Works & Utilities Committee

March 31, 2026 | 6:30pm

Black Earth Municipal Building
1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Mitch Hodson at 6:30PM.
2. Roll Call / Confirmation of Quorum – Present: Mitch Hodson, Tom Marks, Jen Schuetz, Terry Moyer, Matt Kahl – Public Works Director and Kurt Meier – Vanguard Superintendent. Absent is Joe Winandy.
3. Confirmation of Public Notice. A copy of the notice was delivered by Monday March 30, 2026, by email to the Editor of the Times Tribune - Black Earth; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Post Office, and Black Earth Village Website. – Read aloud by Mitch Hodson.
4. Public Comment (3 minutes per person) – No public.
5. Discussion/Approval: Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2026. – Motion by Terry Moyer, second by Tom Marks. All ayes, none opposed motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion/Action: Vanguard Superintendent Report/Vanguard Activities/Substation – Finishing up tree trimming in the area, were hoping to move to trimming in Mazo, but Vanguard has been receiving around 100 locate requests for the Black Earth utility due to utilities wanting to lay fiber in the area. Had a couple of utility poles broken by car incidents, both repaired quickly. Waiting on parts for the substation, should be here soon.
7. Discussion/Action: Public Works Director Report – Some locate requests, not nearly as many as Vanguard since water/sewer utility is only in the Village limits. Made it through the last heavy snow, Luke came back to town just in time to help with cleaning up. Matt was in Green Bay last week for training. Public Works did have a minor accident with a resident vehicle, a police report was filed, and insurance is handling the claims from the resident. Ice rink has been taken down, gearing up for spring.
8. Discussion/Action: Property Annex – Electrical Substation and Water Tower – In a holding pattern while we wait for the Annexation Ordinance from Axley. In a holding pattern for merging the parcels that the substation is on, may need to have a CSM filed to merge the two properties.
9. Discussion/Action: Town and Country Engineering Updates
10. Discussion/Action: Electronic Meters – Discussion held regarding various quotes that were received. Motion by Terry Moyer to move Electronic Meters to the Village Board for consideration of Core and Main Option 1 Standard Drive-By pending cost and funding decision. Second by Jen Schuetz, all ayes, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Discussion/Action: Municipal Building Repair – Discussion held for various methods to repair the portion of the building that was impacted by storm damage. Insurance will cover up to ~\$9,000 for repairs. Motion by Terry Moyer to repair the back wall of the Municipal Building with the Diamond Coat sample as provided for the color and lineage at the discretion of the Public Works Director, second by Tom Marks. All ayes, none opposed.
12. Discussion/Action: Contracted Street Maintenance
 - a. Chip Sealing – Matt has been trying to discuss with other municipalities about
 - b. Crack Filling – Meeting with Herrling's tomorrow.
 - c. LRIP projects – What the Village has for Road Improvement Project Funds needs to be spent this year.
13. Other Items for Future Agenda Discussion – Nothing at this time.
14. Setting the next meeting date - TBD
15. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Terry Moyer, second by Jen Schuetz. All ayes, none opposed meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

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

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Village Board may be present on this day to gather information about all items that appear on this agenda, a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the Village Board pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such although the Village Board will not take any formal action at this meeting.

Public Works Committee: Mitch Hodson – Chair, Joe Winandy, Tom Marks, Jen Schuetz, Alternate: Terry Moyer, Matt Kahl – Public Works Director, Kurt Meier – Vanguard Superintendent.