



Black Earth Public Works & Utilities Committee

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 6:30 pm.

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Called to order by Terry Moyer at 6:30PM
2. Roll Call / Confirmation of Quorum – In attendance: Mitch Hodson, Tom Marks, 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, January 26, 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 Terry Moyer.
4. Public Comment (3 minutes per person) – None.
5. Discussion/Approval: Meeting Minutes from July 28, 2025. – Motion to approve by Mitch Hodson, second by Tom Marks. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
6. Discussion/Action: Vanguard Superintendent Report/Vanguard Activities – Finishing up service on Blue Mounds Trail and tree trimming.
7. Discussion/Action: Street Lights – Two of the decorative lights to finish on Mills St, would like to update them prior to the lights being discontinued. Motion by Terry Moyer to move forward with purchase of the remaining lights as proposed, second by Mitch Hodson. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
8. Discussion/Action: Transformer/Substation Updates – Project has been at a standstill for the last couple of months, waiting on some parts to come in. Hopefully by spring the project should be finished.
9. Discussion/Action: Public Works Director Report – Snow removal, needed to replace a water service on Saturday in a residence due to the cold. Working on meter replacements in the next couple of weeks. The clock parts are in to hopefully fix the Municipal Building clock. There were some problems with the lift station on Stephanie Ct, replaced some parts and is now working well. New truck is working out nicely; Double D still has some updates to do to the truck which will happen soon.
10. Discussion/Action: Electrical Substation and Water Tower Properties – Both of these properties are in the Township of Black Earth, not the Village. Wondering if Vierbicher should be asked for quotes to start the process of annexation into the Village since these are Village owned properties. Motion by Terry Moyer to move forward with collecting prices from Vierbicher for annexation of these properties, second by Tom Marks. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
11. Discussion/Action: Town and Country Engineering Updates – Nick Bubolz not able to be here tonight, nothing for updates though.
12. Discussion/Action: Mills St – Trash Cans/Flowerpots/Benches – Motion by Mitch Hodson to sell or get rid of the existing trash cans, flowerpots, and benches that have historically been placed on Mills St so that we can consider new updated ones if the Village desires to replace them. A second to the motion by Tom Marks, all ayes, none opposed motion carried.
13. Discussion/Action: Compost – Compost area on the North side of the Public Works shop is a holding area until it can be transported out of the Village. Our current landowner that has allowed us to dump the compost has passed away and the family is not sure if it will be possible for PW to continue dumping there. Wanted to bring this up as we are going to possibly need to be looking at other options.
14. Discussion/Action: Electronic Meters – Have been in multiple meetings about different brands of EMR systems, hoping to present quotes soon. No action taken today.
15. Other Items for Future Agenda Discussion
 - a. Compost
 - b. Electric Meter Reading Systems
16. Setting the next meeting date – Monday February 23, 2026 @ 6:30PM
17. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Tom Marks, second by Mitch Hodson. All ayes, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:56PM.

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.