

2023 TOWN OF BLACK BROOK NEWSLETTER

60TH AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

The reconstruction of 60th Avenue east of Amery to Cty Hwy F has been completed. The project cost approximately \$1 million dollars and was partially funded through a grant through WisDOT in the amount of \$631,540. We very much appreciate everyone's patience as we completed this much needed road work.

YOUR TOWN BOARD

With this past April election there were four new names on the ballot for clerk, treasurer, and the two supervisors. A big thank you goes out to those who served in the past! We wanted to take this opportunity to provide a little introduction to your new Town Board and asked each of the new members to write something about themselves. Here is what they provided.

Clerk, Janel Belle Isle: I was born and raised in Cumberland, WI and have lived in the Clear Lake area since 1993. I have worked at Amery Technical Products for almost 23 years where I've had the opportunity to wear many hats. For the last 14 years, I have held the role of Human Resources/Accounting/Benefits/Office Administrator. My husband Matt and I raised our children near Clear Lake and have lived in our current home on 85th Street since 2004. We are now empty nesters, but love spending as much time as we can with our adult kids and grandsons. My hobbies include taking walks, baking, fundraising for any foundation that needs it; and especially spending time with our animals including mangalitsa pigs, a few chickens and our dogs, Tucker and Oscar. I am excited to unravel this newest adventure of serving the Town of Black Brook as Clerk. I feel it is an awesome opportunity and an honor to serve the community that I care about and truly enjoy living in.

Treasurer, Carrie Blanchard: I have been the treasurer for Black Brook for a little over a year and a half. I am Assistant Athletic Director for Clear Lake and have been working at the Clear Lake Schools for 3 years. I have been married to my husband Ryan for 24 years. We have 3 boys, Bailey 22, Tyson 20, and Jordan 17. Our family is very active in sports. My son Bailey will be getting married in October 2024. My husband and I enjoy traveling and spending time with our family.

Supervisor I, Jake Macholl: I have called the Amery area home since 2006 and have been a resident of Black Brook since 2015. I am a high school science teacher at Amery Schools, a second career after working as a water resources scientist in both public and private sector roles. As outdoor enthusiasts, my wife and I value the rural character of the Town and have enjoyed raising our two kids in a community similar to our hometowns in northern Wisconsin. I represent the Town on the Northwestern Municipal EMS board, serving on the Board of Directors, and as a member of the Amery Fire Committee. I began my public service to the town as a member of the Plan Commission in early 2018. I have a strong background and interest in mapping and geographic information systems which I plan to leverage to help create data-driven management plans for our local roads.

Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle: I grew up roughly five miles North of Somerset, WI the youngest of eight kids. From an early age I went to work at dairy farms in the area doing anything from field work to daily chores and harvesting. The goal was to save money to attend college and help my family out with everyday costs of living. After graduating from Somerset High School I attended UW Eau Claire for three semesters. It was during this time that I got hired at a local glass shop part time and soon discovered that a career in the glass and glazing industry was a better fit. Currently I work as a foreman for MG McGrath Inc. and am in charge of construction crews that install aluminum framework and glass in large commercial buildings. My wife Janel and I bought our house and some acreage in Black Brook in 2004 and fell in love with the peaceful beauty of the land as well as the casual attitude and friendliness of my neighbors and the other residents. In my free time I enjoy spending time with Janel, our kids, and grandkids. I also enjoy raising animals on our small acreage. We have raised beef cattle, chickens, and most recently Mangalitsa hogs. I also enjoy playing music in a local band when the opportunity presents itself. I look forward to being a board member of this township and continuing to serve the Black Brook community for years to come.

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