

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK  
SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
NOVEMBER 20, 2025

The Special Meeting of Electors was called to order by Chairman, Erik Henningsgard on November 20, 2025, at 6:04 p.m. Supervisor I, Jake Macholl; Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle; Treasurer, Melissa Pechacek; and Clerk, Janel Belle Isle were also present.

There were 34 additional town residents present.

**Motion/second; Janel Belle Isle/Matt Belle Isle to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2024 Special Meeting of Electors. Motion carried, voice vote.**

**1. To approve resolution 2025-01 regarding adoption of the town tax levy, pursuant to Wis Stat. 60.10(1)(a).**

The proposed total budget for 2026 is \$764,846.78 with a tax levy of \$487,299.00 and the town mill rate of 0.002151813. Chairman Henningsgard read the proposed resolution 2025-01 aloud. Many questions regarding budget categories, the current loans, the town roads, and assessed value of properties. All were answered by board members and/or clerk. Chairman talked through budget line details.

**Motion/second; Sally Pickard/Dale Wood to approve Resolution 2025-01 to adopt the town tax levy of \$487,299.00 for 2025 to be collected in 2026. Discussion. Chairman read the full Resolution 2025-01 aloud. 23 yes, 11 no, 1 abstained motion carried.**

**2. To establish compensation for elected town officers who will be elected April 6, 2027, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 60.10(1)(b)1.**

Chairman explained that this item is on the agenda today as the clerk and treasurer salaries were brought up at the April 2025 meeting of electors and it was decided to put subject on this agenda. Darcy Lorsung spoke in favor of a salary raise. Chairman encouraged that the discussion applies to the clerk salary. Supervisor, Matt Belle Isle, recused himself from any further discussion or vote on this matter because the clerk is his wife. Comments heard by Darcy Lorsung, Neil Pickard, Dave Lowe, Dennis Carson, Chuck Babcock, Keith Anderson, Cindy Overby, Matt Oconnell, Jesica Oconnell, and others unidentified.

**Motion/second; Keith Anderson/Sally Pickard to raise the salary of the clerk by 5%. Discussion. Motion failed.**

**Motion/second; Taylor Larson/Sally Pickard to raise the salary of the clerk to \$20,000, annually, effective next election. Discussion. Darcy Lorsung called the question. Chairman called for a vote. Motion failed.**

**Motion/second; Dennis Carson/Darcy Lorsung to raise the clerk's salary to \$30,000 per year. Discussion. Motion failed.**

**Motion by Keith Anderson to raise clerk salary by 10%. No second. Motion failed.**

**Motion by Alison Donnelly to average the salaries of the closest 5 towns with ours to find the new salary of each position. No second. Motion failed.**

**Motion by Darcy Lorsung for an across the board 10% increase in salary, beginning in 2027. No second. Motion failed.**

**Motion/second; Taylor Larson/Dale Wood to table this until the next meeting of electors when it can be discussed with a recommended wage for the clerk and treasurer positions submitted at that time.** Discussion. Next meeting of electors is in April. Darcy Lorsung called the question. Chairman called for a vote. **Motion carried.**

**Motion/second; Dale Wood/Taylor Larson to adjourn the Special Meeting of Electors. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**These minutes are only a draft and are not considered public record until approved at a subsequent board meeting.**

Respectfully,

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Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

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Janel Belle Isle, Clerk