

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
February 19, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Erik Henningsgard. Supervisor I, Jake Macholl; Supervisor II, Matt Belle Isle; Treasurer, Melissa Pechacek; and Clerk, Janel Belle Isle were also present.

There were 7 additional residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Confirmation of meeting notices, pursuant to Wisconsin Stats.19.84 was made by the Chairman.

**AGENDA:** Erik entertained a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion/second; Matt/Jake. Motion carried.**

**MINUTES:** Erik entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 board meeting. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt. Motion carried.**

**VOUCHERS:** Erik entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and pay the bills. **Motion/second; Matt/Jake. Motion carried.**

**CLERK REPORT:** Working on the year-end reports for the annual meeting. I have two training days scheduled for our poll workers, and I am doing my required training with the Wisconsin Elections Commission. I renewed the town's System for Award Management (SAM.gov) entity registration. Prochnow gave us dates to hold the Open Book on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am and the Board of Review on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 5pm – 7pm.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The January checking began with a balance of \$9,756.68 and ended the month with \$32,186.81. The Business savings ended at \$5.01. Our Capital Improvement Bus MM- ending balance was \$303,612.23. Equipment fund ended with \$66,199.15 and Property Tax ended at \$1,265,951.92. The Road Maintenance checking account is at \$972.72 and the Road Maintenance savings is at \$5.00. Our outstanding checks total \$3,313.39 bringing our total financial assets on December 31, 2025 to \$1,665,619.05.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

**Matt:** The Town Hall furnace went out the Saturday after the January meeting. Amery Heating replaced sensors to get it running again. Simon Electric added outlets at the Town Hall to avoid long term use of extension cords which was mentioned in our last fire inspection. Countryside Plumbing has corrected the PEX on the boiler at the Town Shop and vented the septic system properly. I replaced the tile that was removed for this work and will grout it this weekend. Aaron will replace the toilet and vanity sink.

**Jake:** Couldn't attend the Amery Fire meeting. Nothing else to report.

**ROADS REPORT:** Plowing and sanding. AnCom put radios in the trucks and tuned them. Dresser is not offering discount for traprock yet, so they haven't started to haul.

**CHIEF REPORT:** Made two stops and gave two citations, no billing to the town. A couple accidents on Highway 63 that they tended to. Chief wants to be on the agenda soon to raise their contract fee from \$30 per hour to \$35 beginning July 1, 2026.

**ANIMAL REPORT:** No complaints. Someone reported an animal in Amery was loose but did not see it.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Amery Fire Committee meeting. Passed updated set of bylaws regarding processes. Previous bylaws were over 20 years old. Went over recent run reports and talked about the Wanderoos fire; 14 departments responded to it. Still working on nuisance properties with the owners and the county. The abatement process at 547 Hwy 46 continues and the county is visiting the property throughout the process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Glen Clausen asked if the town could have swinging arm mailboxes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Salt/sand distribution for town residents' use:** After freezing rain, calls came in to ask for salt/sand from the town pile. Due to safety and liability reasons, the board had decided to not furnish sand to the public. Town received some negative feedback from residents. Emergency icy weather isn't a common occurrence. Could there be an opportunity to help furnish sand when needed in emergency situations? Discussion. Consensus is that Black Brook's salt/sand pile will not be open to the public, and if requests are made in an emergency situation for access to sand, it will be at the chairman's discretion.
2. **Friendshuh Farms lease agreement:** Discussion regarding Friendshuh Farms leasing the 5.6 acres of open farmland around the new shop. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake to accept the 5-year lease agreement with Friendshuh Farms, LLC for farmland usage, pending language changes as negotiated between the town and Friendshuh Farms as described. Motion carried.**
3. **CSM for Mark and Cynthia Hansen on 85<sup>th</sup> Street:** The Plan Commission recommended approval of the CSM presented for Mark Hansen. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt to approve the CSM for Mark Hansen on 85<sup>th</sup> Street as presented. Motion carried.**
4. **TextMyGov texting service:** Erik and Janel listened to a proposal for a texting service company. Approximately \$3300 to start and then \$2200 per year thereafter. Discussion. No action.
5. **Request for quotes for ordinance codification:** The town ordinances are outdated and need to be addressed and cleaned up. There are companies that provide this service of organizing ordinances. The initial cost is around \$10,000 to \$12,000. Erik will pursue quotes from companies who provide this service.
6. **Clear Lake Ambulance Agreement:** Clear Lake EMS sent their annual agreement for signature. **Motion/second; Erik/Matt to execute and sign the agreement as written with Clear Lake EMS. Motion carried.**
7. **Set date for March 2026 meeting:** Discussion. Board members will not be available on the third Thursday of March. **Motion/second; Erik/Matt to move next month's meeting to March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Motion carried.**

**Motion/second; Jake/Matt to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully:

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Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

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Janel Belle Isle, Clerk