

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 26, 2026**

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

There were 8 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; Jake/Matt. Motion carried.**

MINUTES: Erik entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026 board meeting. Matt noted that agenda item 6 is incorrect in the draft. The Clear Lake EMS contract is annual, not two-year. Error was corrected. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

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

CLERK REPORT: Attended Spring District Meeting through the Wisconsin Town's Association in Eau Claire, which included Board of Review training. Preparing to file the Municipal Financial Report with the Department of Revenue. Spring Election is April 7th and I have one more training to attend with our county clerk prior to that. Open Book will be on April 16th from 9am – 11am and the Board of Review on May 21st from 5pm – 7pm and I will publish and post those notices per statute. Two bills were received from Deer Park Fire for service calls; we will bill those costs to those property owners. I registered for the Two-Day Clerk's Conference in Eau Claire coming up in April. I applied for a scholarship for it and was accepted for the full amount of admission.

TREASURER REPORT: Activity for February was as follows: General checking began with a balance of \$32,186.81 and ended with \$212,228.06, and the savings at \$5.01. The capital improvement roads account had an ending balance of \$304,054.76. The equipment fund account ended with \$66,295.64 and the tax collection account ended at \$72,428.94. The road maintenance accounts ended with \$943.31 in checking and \$5.00 in savings. The outstanding checks total was \$206,771.87, leaving the financial assets total on February 28, 2026 at \$449,188.85. As of today the bank balances above are all the same except the business checking, which is now at \$7930.92, and the tax collection account which is now at \$52,933.94.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Matt: Attended the WTA Spring District meeting. Many topics were covered, including EMS. Many services are struggling physically and financially. Innovation grants are available, deadline coming soon. Learned more about transportation funding and that the Towns Association wants all towns to adopt the resolution that is on the agenda.

Jake: Attended Northwest Ambulance in February. They're consolidating their loans and the \$4 per capita increase is all going to those. Debt reduction plan looks good; in 2 years, they will be only \$100,000 in debt. Approved purchase of the new ambulance for \$340,000.00 which will be a new chassis with a re-mounted ambulance box. Getting into a two-year replacement cycle.

ROADS REPORT: The roads were posted March 5. Attended the annual MSHA refresher course. The extra salt/sand has been hauled to Lincoln's bunker for storage. Filled a few potholes yesterday.

CHIEF REPORT: Made two traffic stops, both for speeding; resulted in one citation and one warning. Received one call for two dogs at large in the 400 block of Hwy 46. Dogs were visually located and then alluded; no owner determined. No billing to the town for the month of February.

ANIMAL REPORT: Reported that the above dogs were chasing deer but were not found. Received a call for cows out. Turned out it was just a calf that had got under the fence. Received a call for a dog at large, could not locate the dog. Erik did get a couple of phone calls about a neighbor dog barking and found out they had already called Darrell Hall. No information on that action at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Road bans are on and will be for a month or so. Many calls about that. Did honor two overweight permits to businesses. Received two proposals for codification process. This will be on the agenda next month. Erik will set up demo calls with both companies prior to our next meeting. Regarding the address of 547 Hwy 46, the court ordered an injunction against the property. Spoke with town attorney, the injunction includes owner paying court fees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **REM Inspecting presentation of annual report** Anna Kemling from REM presented the 2025 annual report. 33 building permits were issued; 13 were closed.
2. **CSM for Nancy Scholz on County Highway CC** This is a 3-lot CSM on the west side of CC. The Plan Commission recommended approval of this CSM contingent upon the execution of the driveway access and maintenance agreement. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake to approve the CSM for Nancy Scholz on County Hwy CC, contingent on the driveway access and maintenance agreement. Motion carried.**
3. **Consider variance from the Uniform Dwelling Code for pole shed located at 302 65th Street** David and Sue Olson in attendance seeking a variance from the Uniform Dwelling Code Ordinance for pole buildings regarding the pads under the pole shed footings. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt to grant this variance to David Olson.** Discussion. **Motion passed.**
4. **Polk County Proposed Shoreland Zoning Amendments** Law firm, Weld Riley represents a few municipalities that oppose this and is asking the town to join in supporting them as well. Discussion. No action.
5. **Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution** The Wisconsin Towns Association created and has asked all municipalities in Wisconsin to pass this resolution in support of providing adequate and reliable revenue growth for long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs; ensuring transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding construction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local road systems. Erik read the full resolution aloud. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake to adopt this Resolution 2026-1, a resolution supporting a comprehensive and sustainable transportation funding solution. Motion carried.**

6. **Discuss 2025 Wisconsin Act 71 regarding positions of clerk and treasurer** Wisconsin Act 71 was passed into law and now allows the electors to change the positions of the clerk and/or treasurer from elected to appointed at a meeting of the electors. A change such as this would not affect the current term of an elected clerk or treasurer. Many towns support this, as the board would then be able to interview and select for these skilled positions. An appointed position would not be required to be a town resident, also giving a larger pool to choose from. This will be put on April's agenda to be presented to the electors at the annual meeting.
7. **Discuss depreciation schedule for fixed assets** Discussed values of fixed assets to help with the creation of town statement of net position.
8. **Dissolve ad hoc committee that was formed to gather information on a new town hall** Discussion. The ad hoc committee was formally created and must be formally dissolved when the need for the creation of the committee has passed. The board is no longer seeking information on a new hall. **Motion/second; Erik/Matt to dissolve the ad hoc committee. Motion carried.**

Spring road review will be on April 18, 2026, beginning at 9:00am, and will be posted per statute.

Motion/second; Matt/Jake to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully:

Erik Henningsgard, Chairman

Janel Belle Isle, Clerk