

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 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 5 additional residents in attendance.

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 March 26, 2026 board meeting. **Motion/second; Matt/Jake to approve minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

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

CLERK REPORT: Spring election went well; our poll workers all did a great job. Attended a two-day clerk's conference in Eau Claire and learned a lot there. All liquor license holders have been notified that their renewals are due soon and those will be on June agenda. Open Book was here last week and feedback from the assessor was that one couple came in with an appraisal and he is working through that with them. Board of Review is next month, May 21st from 5pm to 7pm, I will post and publish the notice for that per statute. The annual financial report and Form CT will be filed with the Department of Revenue by the end of this week.

TREASURER REPORT: March checking began with a balance of \$212,228.06 and ended the month with \$3,463.94. The Business savings ended at \$5.01. The Capital Improvement Road Fund- ending balance was \$304,545.41. The equipment fund ended with \$66,402.62 and Property Tax ended at \$53,109.82. The Road Maintenance checking account is at \$943.39 and the Road Maintenance savings is at \$5.00. Outstanding checks total \$1,334.24 bringing the total financial assets on March 31, 2026 to \$427,140.95. Both loans are paid through the end of the year.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Matt: I attended the spring road review on April 18th. Last night, April 20th, I attended the quarterly meeting for the Clear Lake EMS. The 2026 Budget Proposal was approved. The board also approved spending no more than \$10,220 to repair the ceiling in the ambulance garage and install an interior door in the living quarters.

Jake: Zoom meetings regarding proposals for the codification of ordinances. Amery Fire Department ladder truck needs 30K of work to limp it along for another 7-10 years. Amery Fire Department lost 12 sections to Apple River so our bill will increase next year. Went on the road review with rest of the board.

ROADS REPORT: Plows have been taken off trucks and cleaned and stored. All trucks got their annual DOT inspections. Hauled traprock from Dresser. Put the dock in at King Lake. Can't start spray patch until it warms up more.

CHIEF REPORT: Made 4 stops in March resulting in 2 citations, 1 for speed and one for non-registration.

ANIMAL REPORT: Someone called Dale regarding 30+ cats living under his neighbor's trailer but doesn't want the neighbor mad at him. Dale drove by and did not see cats. Officer Wood suggested finding out if the neighbor considers ownership of the cats and whether they are being fed. Dale will investigate further.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Went on road review and attended demonstrations for the codification process. Received many calls about road restrictions and road bans. Tending to other business with Aaron, truck repairs, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dale Wood asked when the road bans are coming off, it will be this Thursday at noon. Erik Henningsgard commended the poll workers on a job well done on April 7th. Janel Belle Isle addressed the board to thank them for everything they do for the town. She feels their knowledge and positions are undermined by many who don't know all the work that goes into them. She thanked them for their constant support and let them know that she disagrees with the vote at the last meeting that resulted in a reduction in their wages. She believes they are all worth every penny of their salary and hopes that none of them will step down from their position because of the decision that was made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discuss road review and 2026 road maintenance needs** Road review was conducted last Saturday. The roads were rated and put into a spreadsheet. Discussion on needs and priority. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake to put out to bid the roads listed with highest rankings. Motion carried.**
2. **Town brush collection location** Erik received calls asking if the town has a place for a public brush pile. Potential area on the east side of the new property. Talk about when it would be open to the public and possibility of people dumping more than just brush. Neighboring towns used to offer the service and have since quit. Discussion. No action.
3. **Discuss Codification of Ordinances proposals and decide on further action** Board listened to demonstrations by General Code and Civic Plus. Discussed the differences between the two for the project. **Motion/second; Erik/Jake that we move forward with codification utilizing General Code at the codification project price of \$9995 with the optional component of gender-neutral language for \$185. Motion carried.**

Motion/second; Matt/Jake to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.