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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 2 additional residents in attendance.

The 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 April 2026 board meeting.
Motion/second; Jake/Matt to approve minutes from the April 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

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

CLERK REPORT: The past month was very busy, but no formal report to give.

TREASURER REPORT: April checking began with a balance of $3463.94 and ended the month with $13,001.05. The Business savings ended at $5.01. The Capital Improvement Road Fund- ending balance was $305,021.00. Equipment fund ended with $66,506.32 and Property Tax ended at $53,206.22. The Road Maintenance checking account is at $943.47 and the Road Maintenance savings is at $5.00. Outstanding checks at the end of April was $3,195.00 bringing our total financial assets on April 30, 2026 to $435,493.07.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
Matt: Attended the WTA quarterly meeting; listened to presentations made by Fahrner and Monarch about their road applications.
Accepted the generous donation of the new Black Brook Town Hall sign that is hung above the front door from his employer, MG McGrath, and installed it last weekend.

Jake: Amery Ambulance service had an executive meeting and then a full board meeting. All loans were consolidated into one note at approximately $590,000 and it will be paid down to approximately $136,000 before the next new ambulance comes in three years which will bring it back up to roughly $400,000. It doesn't look like an increase per capita will need to happen. The 2015 "back up" ambulance blew the head gasket and is going to auction so the 2013 ambulance will now become the back up. The new ambulance is ready except waiting for one part for one of the doors.

ROADS REPORT: Graveled 105th Street and all of 17th Ave. Western Star to Roberts for temp gauge issues. Went through batwing mower so it's ready to go. Did some pothole patching but not making mix yet until it's warmer.

CHIEF REPORT: April had dog complaint that resulted in a warning and a follow up on same dog that resulted in a citation, as well as an additional call on same dog earlier this month, but pretty sure the issues are resolved at this point.
Made a total of 5 traffic stops within the town, resulting in 2 citations for speeding and 3 warnings. Billed the town a total of 2 hours for April.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Talked to one of the chipseal companies and they suggest we hold off requesting bids for chipseal and crack seal until July. Their opinion is that the prices will come down. Will wait until June to request road bids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Matt O'Connell gave thanks for the new sign above the door. He also wants to make known that last month's motion that he made to reduce the board position's wages was not done as a thankless act but was addressed in relation to wages of other area towns of our size. He said that his motion was not a reflection of performance or thanks or lack thereof, and that he is only speaking on behalf of himself in that regard, and not for anyone else who voted that night. He also stated that his motion was nothing personal against the current board and wanted to make sure that is known.
Erik Henningsgard want to send a thank you to MG McGrath, the company that donated the town's new sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CSM for Greg Friendshuh on parcel 010-00354-0100** Reviewed by Plan Commission on 5-18-26. Plan Commission recommended decline as the division did not meet the county's RA-5 zoning requirements regarding the base tract of land. Surveyor Michael Markee said he would take the information back to Greg Friendshuh.

2. **CSM for Dale Schwanke on parcel 010-00564-0000** Reviewed by Plan Commission on 5-18-26. Plan Commission recommended approval of this CSM. **Motion/second; Jake/Matt to approve this 2-lot CSM for Dale Schwanke. Motion carried.**

3. **Repair of arch above the town hall's front door** Two bids were received for fixing the crack that has developed between the bricks of the arch above the door. Discussion. **Motion/second; Erik/Matt to go with No Limit Brick and Stone to repair the archway. Motion carried.**

4. **Nuisance properties follow up** 547 Hwy 46 had a deadline of April 30 to finish clean up but still has not. The property has been declared a nuisance, and the owner has been invoiced for the amount of the court judgement. Town attorney will let the board know what the next step is in the abatement process. Regarding the three Deer Park properties that were given warnings last November…. follow-up letters will be delivered to 36 Hwy 46 and to 46 111th St. by Clear Lake Police Department.

5. **Invasive species vegetation management** Invasive weeds, namely wild parsnips, need to be addressed. Discussion. The county has its own sprayer. A company called 4 Control also offers applications. Options were discussed for resident notification if chemical spray is used. Erik is going to get estimates for chemical applications, and this will be on next month's agenda.

Motion/second; Jake/Matt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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Erik Henningsgard, Chair Janel Belle Isle, Clerk