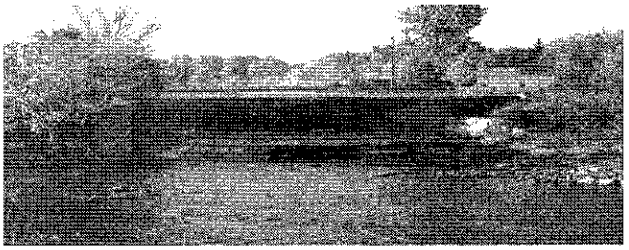
Board of Trustees

Village of Black River



Agenda
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2026

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the 9/14/2026 regular meeting
- Public Comment
- Police Department Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Superintendent's Report

Correspondence Received:

A) Barton & Loguidice — Re: Water Project Update
B) Robert Flint — Re: Resignation Letter
C) Mickey Dietrich — Re: Monthly RACOG Report

Correspondence Sent:

A) NONE

Unfinished Business:

A) NONE

New Business:

A) Parking Prohibition — Re: End Date (April 1st or April 15th)
B) All-Terrain Vehicles — Re: Amendment to Allow ATVs

- Reports from Standing Committees
- Reports from Special Meetings
- Comments from Board Members
- Authorize payment of bills; adjournment

Village of Black River
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2026

Mayor Leonard called the regular meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Present:
Mayor David Leonard
Trustee Bonnie Proven
Trustee David Daily
Trustee Corey Decillis
Superintendent Eric Nier
Clerk-Treasurer Abigail Simpson
Police Chief Steven Wood
Code Enforcement Officer Terry Ault

Excused:
Trustee Randy Lake

A motion was made by Trustee Daily, seconded by Mayor Leonard to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026 Special Meeting and August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Black River Ambulance: Jonathan Gaines was present and provided the Board with the monthly squad report. He reported that the roof on both the front and rear buildings had been completed, the driveway had been sealed and restriped, and the squad was looking into having Jefferson Concrete repair the retaining wall.

Town of LeRay: Supervisor Lee Carpenter was present and requested that any increase requests for the Town's budget be submitted by the end of September. He advised the Board of changes regarding the tax exemption for disabled veterans. He also reported that the Town recently adopted a one-year moratorium on data centers and recommended that the Village consider doing the same. Copies of the Town of LeRay's documents will be provided to the Village for reference.

RACOG: Circuit Rider Rebecca Vary was present and provided the Board with the monthly RACOG update. She also reported that RACOG is currently seeking an additional Circuit Rider to attend meetings.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Wood reported that he and Officer Rupert worked a total of 107 hours during the previous month, including 33 hours of DWI patrol. They also participated in Narcan and drug cleanup training.

Chief Wood also advised the Board of an upcoming prayer service for emergency and law enforcement personnel scheduled for September 27 at the Catholic Church. Approximately 150–175 attendees are expected, with formation beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement Report

The Code Enforcement report was presented as follows:

- 7 permits issued
- 2 violations reissued
- 2 inspection follow-ups

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Nier reported that the DPW completed approximately 203 feet of sidewalk, completed a water repair at 127 Hove Street, trimmed roadsides, striped crosswalks and stop bars, and completed restoration of the Route 3 signs.

Superintendent Nier also reported that the garbage truck required towing to Beam Mack due to an upper radiator hose issue. He asked the Board how long the portable restrooms at Maple Street Park should remain in place.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that the portable restrooms were no longer needed for the season and could be removed.

Correspondence Received

The Board received and reviewed a water project update and budget form from Barton & Loguidice.

The Board received an invitation to the Tug Hill Commission's annual dinner.

The Board received a resignation letter from Planning Board Member Allan Mace and discussed posting the resulting vacancy on the Village website.

The Board received and reviewed correspondence from the Black River Fire Department regarding its annual September envelope drive, a door-to-door fundraiser.

The Board received and reviewed membership requests for the Black River Fire Department for Nicholas Fountain, Carter Tappe, Gustavo Arteaga, Alex Trujillo, and William Prescott.

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Daily, to approve the membership requests of Nicholas Fountain, Carter Tappe, Gustavo Arteaga, Alex Trujillo, and William Prescott to the Black River Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board received and reviewed correspondence from National Grid regarding a transmission rebuild project.

The Board received and reviewed a letter of interest from Lisa Fowler regarding a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board agreed to discuss the matter with ZBA Chairman Ron Palmer and to contact Ms. Fowler regarding whether she may also be interested in the vacant Planning Board position.

The Board received and reviewed correspondence from Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP regarding the firm's bond counsel fee.

The Board received and reviewed an email from Sarah Trick of the Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition regarding new MS4 policies.

Unfinished Business

The Board discussed the appraisal received from USA Appraisals for the Black River Ambulance Squad property located on Outer LeRay Street. The Board agreed that the next step would be to have Village Attorney Henry Leader prepare a purchase offer in the amount of $70,000, contingent upon confirmation of an adequate water supply.

Mayor Leonard reported that the Block Party was successful, with favorable weather and a strong turnout. He thanked everyone who assisted with the event and congratulated Sue Branagan on being nominated for Citizen of the Year.

New Business

The Board briefly discussed e-bikes within the Village.

Mayor Leonard reported that the property at 102 S. Main Street had been sold and that progress on the pizza shop was going well. He also expressed interest in contacting franchises regarding potential opportunities to bring additional businesses to the Village.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard, to authorize payment of the bills on the regular monthly abstract dated September 7, 2026, in the total amount of $109,803.74, as follows: General Fund, $53,017.92; Water Fund, $17,902.69; and Sewer Fund, $38,883.13. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Decillis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Simpson
Clerk-Treasurer