Board of Trustees

Village of Black River

Agenda

Regular Meeting

September 14, 2026

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the 8/3/2026 regular meeting & 8/10/2026 special meeting minutes
- Public Comment
- Police Department Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Superintendent's Report

Correspondence Received:

A) Barton & Loguidice — Re: Water Project Update & Budget Form
B) Tug Hill Commission — Re: Annual Dinner Invitation
C) Allan Mace — Re: Planning Board Resignation
D) Black River Fire Dept. — Re: Envelope Drive
E) Black River Fire Dept. — Re: New Membership
F) National Grid — Re: Transmission Rebuild Project
G) Lisa Fowler — Re: Zoning Board of Appeals
H) Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP — Re: Bond Counsel Fee
I) RACOG — Re: Dinner Meeting Invite & Monthly Report
J) Sarah Trick – JCSWC — Re: New MS4 Policies

Correspondence Sent:

A) NONE

Unfinished Business:

A) NONE

New Business:

A) E-Bikes
B) Rt 3 Development

- 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
August 3, 2026

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

Present:	Excused:
Mayor David Leonard	Trustee David Daily
Trustee Bonnie Proven	
Trustee Corey Decillis	
Trustee Randy Lake	
Superintendent Eric Nier	
Clerk-Treasurer Abigail Simpson	
Police Chief Steven Wood	

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Lake to approve the minutes of the 7/6/26 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:
Jennifer from RACOG was present and provided information from the previous RACOG meeting. She also reviewed an informational packet with the Board and briefly discussed available programs, including grant opportunities.

Samantha from Ablan Trailer Park was present and provided the Board with a letter requesting consideration of forgiveness on their July water bill.

The Board discussed the request and the water that had been supplied by the Village. Following the discussion, the Board determined that the charges would be forgiven.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard to adjust the water charge for Ablan's Trailer Park from April 2026 and July 2026 billing for a total of $3600 to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Recreation Assistants, Kelly and Francesa, were present to provide an update regarding the Summer Recreation Program. Two weeks remained in the program, with 41 participants registered and an average daily attendance of 22.

The beach trip went well. The upcoming trip to Enchanted Forest Water Safari was discussed, as well as the need for chaperones for program trips.

The Board also discussed the program schedule following the July 4th holiday and the preference to continue the shortened Friday schedule.

OneDigital representative, Thomas Penn, was present and provided the Board with employee health insurance options. Several plan options were presented, including the current Platinum 2 plan and lower-cost alternatives.

Discussion included deductibles, copayments, potential Health Savings Account options, high-deductible health plans, lifetime benefit solutions and other plan structures. The Board noted that additional rate information is expected to be available in mid-September and that a decision will need to be made prior to January insurance renewal.

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Decillis to appoint OneDigital as the broker to assist the Village with reviewing its health insurance options. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board asked that Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Yawger have a letter sent on behalf of the Village to Haylor, Fryer and Coon making them aware of the change in brokers.

Police Department Report: The Police Department report was presented. Officers worked a total of 96 hours last month including annual training and work at Carthage Central School. Traffic speeds within the Village were also discussed. It was noted that speeding does not currently appear to be excessive. The possibility of purchasing an additional speed sign during the next budget process was discussed.

Code Enforcement Report: The Code Enforcement report was presented as follows:

- 3 permits issued
- 6 violations
- 2 complaints

Superintendent's Report:
DPW Superintendent Nier reported that work on the baseball field had been completed.

The Board discussed future paving plans, including Stafford Drive, and the possibility of coordinating shared services. The water infrastructure improvement project was also discussed. The Board decided that road work and paving should be completed after the water mains and related infrastructure are replaced/installed.

Tree removal near the monument area was also discussed; two maple trees.

The Board discussed matters concerning Rutland water. They asked that Clerk-Treasurer Simpson contact the Village's attorney, Case & Leader, regarding the contract and concerns related to previous contract violations.

The Board also discussed a property down Route 3 by the daycare and the possibility of meeting with the Town of Rutland regarding this matter. It appears the Town of Rutland may be supplying water to the Town of Champion without authorization to do so.

Correspondence Received:
The Board discussed the Huber water bill and the calculation of the applicable average usage/charge.

Correspondence from the Jefferson County Department of Planning was received and reviewed. The Board discussed public transportation and trying to determine the current status/location of public transportation service with Black River.

Unfinished Business:
The Board discussed obtaining a fair-market-value appraisal in connection with a potential property transaction.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Decillis to hire Jenn Bossuot to perform an appraisal. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:
The Board discussed the appropriate handling of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) funds. Based upon guidance received, the funds are to be maintained separately.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Lake to open and place the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) funds in a separate checking account at Watertown Savings Bank and/or NYCLASS. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard to authorize the payment of bills on regular monthly abstract dated 8/3/26 in the amount of $347,672.27. (General fund: $105,637.68 Water Fund: $32,940.61 Sewer Fund: $209,093.98). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Lake to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Simpson
Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Black River
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
August 10, 2026

Present:	Excused:
Mayor David Leonard	Trustee Corey Decillis
Trustee Bonnie Proven	Trustee Randy Lake
Trustee David Daily	
Superintendent Eric Nier	
Clerk-Treasurer Abigail Simpson	

Mayor Leonard called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board convened to discuss the potential acquisition of property in connection with the Village's water infrastructure improvement project.

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Daily to authorize an offer in the amount of $70,000 for the purchase of the Black River Ambulance Squad property located on LeRay Street, contingent upon confirmation of an adequate water supply to the property. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Daily to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Simpson
Clerk-Treasurer