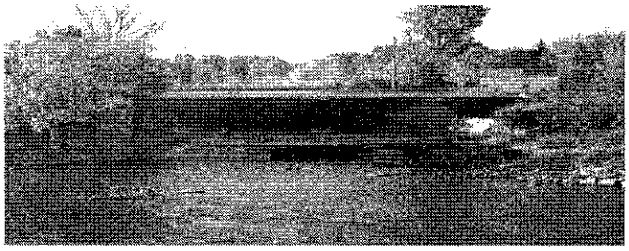
Board of Trustees
Village of Black River



Agenda
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2026

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the 6/1/2026 regular meeting minutes
- Recreation Assistants Report/Questions
- Public Comment
- Police Department Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Superintendent's Report

Correspondence Received:

A) Mrs. Wallace	Re: Community Outreach Program
B) Smitty's Property Service	Re: 2026 Proposal for Mowing
C) Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	Re: Unpaid Balance from 12/31/2022
D) Excellus BCBS	Re: Proposed Premium Rate Change
E) RACOG – Mickey Dietrich	Re: Approval for Membership
F) Coates Field Service, INC.	Re: Easement Option Agreement
G) National Grid	Re: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
H) Belinda Oliveau	Re: Written Complaint
I) Sarah Trick (Stormwater)	Re: MS4 Mapping Grant
J) Don MacCormack (Bank of Greene County)	Re: Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)
K) NYS Public Service Commission	Re: Public Notice

Unfinished Business:

A) Zoning Law	Re: Lawncare Violation Time Frame
B) Diane Leonard	Re: Retaining Grant Writer
C) Barton & Loguidice	Re: Potential Test Well Sites & Project Update

New Business:

A) Property on Public Square	Re: Blocking Off
B) Executive Session	Re: Employee
C) Village Historian	Re: Space & Pay

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

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Regular Meeting
June 1, 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 Trustee Decillis to approve the minutes of the 5/4/26 regular meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment:
Black River Ambulance, Jonathan Gaines, was present to provide the Board with an update and monthly report. There were zero missed calls the last two month. He mentioned the squad has started billing for non-transports as of June 1; cost will be $150 for BLS and $300 for ALS. They did some comparing with other local squads before setting these prices and still remain on the lower side; aligned with Evans Mills Ambulance rate wise.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that Officer Rupert and himself worked a total of 61 hours last month. They participated in the Armed Forces parade, the Felts Mills/Black River Memorial Day parade and DWI patrol for the holiday weekend. He also stated that radars have been recertified and they continue the ice cream certificates for helmet use.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Ault stated that he had been working with Mr. Azah as he is ready to move forward with his project, they are currently in the plan review phase. He also mentioned he had issued a couple permits, 8 lawn violations and is working on an active complaint regarding birds which may involve the Village Health Officer.

The Board and Code Enforcement Officer briefly discussed how to handle lawncare violations that are not taken care of and the time frame given per the Village Zoning Law.

Tabled until next meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Nier stated that the DPW has all flags and banners hung along with flowers and mulch put around the Village. He also mentioned that Spring House #2 is back online and that sidewalks could be started as soon as the second week in June.

The Board briefly discussed the last Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting; Tug Hill Commission needs the Village Board to decide if their priority is replacement of existing sidewalks or brand-new installation of sidewalks as there are many grants available.

Mayor Leonard mentioned having the Village look into retaining a grant writer.

Tabled until next meeting.

The Board discussed the Village's part-time DPW laborer position; it is no longer needed due to having a fully trained/certified staff.

A motion was made to draft and send a letter to our part-time laborer, Leslie Williams, thanking him for his dedicated service and contributions to the Village along with an offer to serve as a water system consultant on an as-needed basis. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:
NONE

Unfinished Business:
The Board discussed the public hearing held in regards to Local Law #2 of 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Daily to adopt Local Law #2 to amend Chapter 175-16(c) of the Code of the Village of Black River pertaining to prohibited home occupations. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Water/Sewer dispute form that was drawn up for potential future use.

The Board discussed the new Summer Recreation sign-in/sign-out requirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard to require every child that attends the Village's Summer Recreation program be signed in and signed out by a parent or guardian. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Leonard brought up the idea of starting an ice rink again; a possible skate rental/drive was mentioned along with a small snack booth and lights for night use.

The Board briefly discussed lawncare & snow removal payments on tax bills.

Tabled until next meeting.

The Board discussed next steps for a security window in the office; we need to obtain an updated quote and estimated time frame of how far out they are on installations.

New Business:
NONE

A motion was made by Trustee Daily, seconded by Mayor Leonard to authorize the payment of bills on regular monthly abstract dated 6/1/26 in the amount of $46,025.67 (General fund: $25,798.83 Water Fund: $9,110.03 Sewer Fund: $11,116.81), end of year bills and end of year budget transfers. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Decillis to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Simpson
Clerk-Treasurer