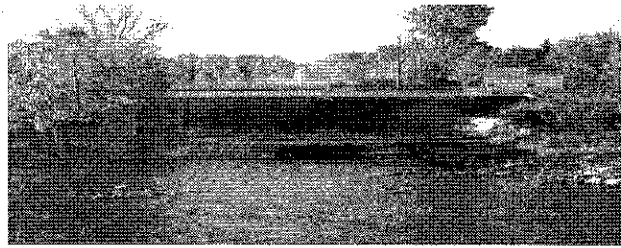


Board of Trustees
Village of Black River



Agenda
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2026

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the 2/2/2026 regular meeting
- Public Comment
- Police Department Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Superintendent's Report

Correspondence Received:

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| A) Case & Leader LLP | <u>Re:</u> Amending Bond Resolution |
| B) Barton & Loguidice | <u>Re:</u> Amendment No. 3 |
| C) Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library | <u>Re:</u> Social Media Post |
| D) Bivor Shrestha | <u>Re:</u> 136 Maple Street – Water Bill |
| E) Black River Drive-In | <u>Re:</u> Flea/Farmers Market |
| F) Black River Fire Department | <u>Re:</u> New Memberships |
| G) NYCOM | <u>Re:</u> Temporary Municipal Assistance |

Correspondence Sent:

- A) NONE

Unfinished Business:

- A) NONE

New Business:

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| A) Planning Board | <u>Re:</u> Amending Black River Code |
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- 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
February 2, 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
Trustee Randy Lake
Superintendent Eric Nier
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Josephine Yawger
Police Chief Steven Wood

Excused:

A motion was made by Trustee Daily, seconded by Trustee Decillis to approve the minutes of the 1/5/26 regular meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Barton & Loguidice representatives, Matt Cooper and Andrew Smith, were present to answer any questions in regard to their submitted statement of qualifications to provide the Village of Black River with engineering consulting services for the water system improvements project.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard to select Barton & Loguidice D.P.C. as the engineer for the upcoming water infrastructure improvement project in the Village. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper stated that this project will take years as it is a very lengthy process. He mentioned next steps are finalizing the financing application and passing the bond resolution.

Black River Fire Departments, Jonathan Gaines, attended to give an update on the Department. He stated that they are currently working on their budget, looking into staff changes & seeking advice from other fire departments on how to run and operate effectively and efficiently.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that Officer Rupert and himself worked a total of 102 hours last month. He gave an update on the patrol vehicle; the car was taken to a local shop for an estimate but we have no estimate on the damage at this time. Our insurance company has been informed of the accident and was provided all necessary documentation needed to dispute this with the transport companies' insurance as they were driving.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Ault provided a report to Mayor Leonard that stated he had issued 1 permit and 4 sidewalk violations. He also mentioned that he met with George Birth from Jefferson County along with DPW Superintendent Nier and Mayor Leonard in regards to the stormwater runoff/MS4 requirements.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Nier stated that the Department of Public Works has been working on moving snow, knocking back banks and that DPW Laborer Flint started his CDL training through BOCES.

Correspondence Received:

The Board reviewed an email from Landmark Dividend in regards to buying out our cell tower lease. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board received and reviewed a new Junior membership request for the Black River Fire Department for Aiden Shepard.

A motion was made by Mayor Leonard, seconded by Trustee Decillis to accept the new Junior membership request for Aiden Shepard into the Black River Fire Department. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board received and reviewed the Black River Fire Department 2026 list of Elected Officials.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Daily to accept the 2026 list of Elected Officials for the Black River Fire Department.

Unfinished Business:

The Board discussed the Honey Ridge Solar Project and responses from the attorneys that have been contacted seeking representation for the Village. They briefly discussed inviting Coughlin & Gerhart, out of Binghamton, to an upcoming meeting. The Board would also like second letters sent out to the same politicians and JCIDA showing their opposition to this project. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board discussed a phone call that was received from RACOG representative, Mickey Dietrich, in regards to membership. He stated that the Village is able to join now and dues will not be due until June so we are able to budget for it. The Board believes joining this council of governments will be beneficial.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard to become a member of the River Area Council of Governments (RACOG). The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business:

The Board received and reviewed a letter along with informative inserts from the Developmental Authority of the North Country (DANC) in regards to services available to municipal partners.

The Board received and reviewed an email from NY Department of State in regards to a local government efficiency program.

It was mentioned that they want look into grants for baseball field improvements; Trustee Decillis stated he sent Clerk-Treasurer Simpson an email about a grant opportunity.

Comments From the Board:

The Board discussed concerns around a recent social media post that has received numerous complaints involving the Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library. The consensus amongst the Board was to write a letter to the library's Board of Directors and the North Country Library System.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Leonard to authorize the payment of bills on regular monthly abstract dated 2/2/26 in the amount of \$33,572.08. (General fund: \$17,327.68 Water Fund: \$16,244.40). The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Lake to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Simpson
Clerk-Treasurer