

July Village President Update

After months of discussion, the Village of Black Creek signed a contract with Black Creek Rural Rescue Service on June 30, 2026. The original contract was not approved by the Village Board on December 3, 2025, because the Board wanted to add financial oversight and an audit requirement.

While the Village and Black Creek Rural Rescue Service worked toward an agreement, Black Creek Rural Rescue Service stopped providing service to the Village on April 30, 2026. The Village then secured temporary EMS coverage through County Rescue.

- County Rescue responded to more than a dozen calls in the Village during the two-month coverage period.
- The average response time was 19 minutes.
- County Rescue provided excellent care, and I received positive feedback from residents regarding their care and professionalism.

County Rescue will continue to serve as a secondary coverage provider for Black Creek Rescue. I thank the County Rescue staff for helping our Village and its residents, and I look forward to working with Black Creek Rural Rescue Service on the future of EMS coverage in Black Creek.

Fire and EMS District Discussions

The Village has also been discussing the possibility of forming Fire and EMS districts with neighboring municipalities. These districts would create partnerships that help share costs related to Fire and EMS services.

Formal districts would put municipalities in a stronger position to manage expenses, provide oversight, and contract with service providers. They would also be eligible to apply for State of Wisconsin innovation grants, which could help offset operational expenses.

Please stay tuned for more information at Village meetings in the coming months.

East Burdick Street Construction

On June 29, milling and paving construction began on East Burdick Street. Sommers Construction is removing and replacing curb and gutter, along with driveway and sidewalk aprons. MCC is the lead contractor and will complete the milling and paving work.

The project is expected to last about three weeks and is being paid for with help from a State of Wisconsin cost-share grant. Maintaining our streets is challenging under budget constraints, so I am very glad we were able to secure grant funding for this project.

Our kids should not have to bounce around on school buses along Burdick Street for a while.

Department of Public Works Building and Wastewater Planning

As of this writing, construction of the new Department of Public Works building is in the early stages at the former North Park site. The projected move-in date is October 28, 2026.

The Village obtained a loan to fund this \$1.9 million project. The building is needed to create room at the current site for the future Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.

The Village is working with our engineering firm, MSA, along with a municipal advisor and municipal attorney, to protect the best interests of residents. We hope to share more information this summer about how the facility upgrade will move forward.

Community Spotlight: Black Creek Forward

I would also like to recognize Black Creek Forward for its continued fundraising and community activities. I recently helped a bit with their steak fry, and this year's funds will go toward replacing trees in our parks.

The Village has lost quite a few ash trees, and planting new trees will help preserve shade and beauty in our parks for the future.

Stay Involved

At this writing the Village of Black Creek is seeking two residents to fill two vacant village board trustee positions. Also, there is an open position for a resident on the planning commission. As always, please feel free to contact me or any Village trustee with questions. I encourage residents to attend meetings, stay informed about Village business, and sign up on the Village website for automatic notifications about meetings and news.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Andy Gleason, Black Creek Village President