

# August Village President Update

August 15, 2026

## 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 removed and replaced 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 just about done 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 progressing at the former North Park site. The frame and trusses are up. 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 in September about how the facility upgrade will move forward.

## Tree Replacement in the Village

At the August board meeting the village board approved a resolution to apply for a grant. The grant is called: Urban Forestry and Urban Forestry Catastrophic Grant Programs. Monies obtained from this grant, combined with funds from the village and Black Creek Forward, will go along way towards replacing ash trees in Black Creek Village Parks. Steve Hackl is spearheading this effort. I'm thankful to everybody for helping to support this project.

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.

## Fire Department News

At the last Rural Fire Committee meeting, the need to replace the backup fire engine was discussed. The existing fire engine is 40 years old. The pump is bad and repairs will cost too much for an old truck. The Village and Town of Black Creek will be working together to determine how to replace the truck. The Village finance committee will meet to discuss funding the Villages portion.

## Stay Involved

At this writing the Village of Black Creek is seeking one resident to fill a vacant village board trustee position. 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.

Stay safe my friends!

Andy Gleason, Black Creek Village President