

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, January 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490th Ave). The meeting notice had been posted January 2, 2026 at the town hall, Nilssen’s Foods, Ellsworth Post Office and website. Town Board members (Supervisor Borner, Supervisor Ristow, Clerk Korpela, Treasurer Hines) were present. Chairman Billeter was not present with an excused absence. Also present were: Spencer Schroeder, Tyler Schroeder, Brady Schroeder, Ron Reigle, Tim Lorenz, Sheldon Huppert, Phyllis Beastrom</p>	<p>JANUARY 6, 2026 BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Supervisor Ristow called the meeting to order at 7 pm</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>The minutes of the December 1, 2025 regular board meeting and the December 8, 2025 special board meeting were reviewed.</p>	<p>MINUTES</p>
<p>MSC to approve the December 1, 2025 minutes. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow). MSC to approve the special December 8, 2025 meeting minutes (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).</p>	
<p>Clerk presented the December financial report: checking \$26,449.49; LGIP General \$94,638.43.; LGIP Machinery \$ 9,565.48; LGIP town Hall Fund \$ 90,883.91; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$ 853,471.04</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Sheldon Huppert commented that the snowplow drivers should be more careful tear up sod while plowing but also mentioned the roads have been cleared well.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>Ristow, Borner and Korpela attended the Village of Ellsworth Board meeting on Monday, January 5th. Ristow reported that the Village is willing to meet as the ETZ committee to discuss changes to their ETZ policies.</p>	<p>ETZ UPDATE</p>
<p>The road work has largely been snow plowing with the recent regular snowfalls we have received. Ristow complimented the road crew for their good work.</p>	<p>ROAD WORK REPORT</p>

Double Seal Coat			2026 ROAD PROJECTS
490 th Av: Highway C to Village Limits	1.0 mi	\$72,455	
610 th St: Highway 63 to 570 th Av	1.0 mi	\$59,990	
610 th St: 570 th Av to 610 th Av	1.0 mi	\$61,617	
Single Seal Coat			
570 th Ave: 610 th St to Railroad St	1.5 mi	\$40,000	
Hardener:			
490 th Av: Highway 10 to Highway C	1.0	\$32,980	
480 th Av:		\$22,395	
Total:		\$289,437	

MSC to approve the 2026 Road Project List.

(Motion made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Korpela reviewed a proposed Town facebook policy that will guide administration, use, purpose and rules governing the proposed Township facebook page.

MSC to approve the policy

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

TOWN
FACEBOOK
POLICY

Korpela reviewed a proposed Town website policy that will guide administration, use, purpose and rules governing the proposed Township website.

MSC to approve the policy

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

TOWN WEBSITE
POLICY

MSC to approve the poll workers list for the 2026-2027 season

(Motion made Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

APPROVE
ELECTION
INSPECTORS

The Board decided to move forward with \$10,000 annual payment for three years for assessment as originally proposed by Prochnow Assessment

ASSESSMENT
SERVICES
PAYMENT PLAN

No driveway permits to consider

DRIVEWAY
PERMIT

Korpela explained that the lawsuit regarding event barn alcohol licensing has been dismissed and the new event barn alcohol rules are set. As a result, the Town may see beer and wine license applications soon.

EVENT BARN
ALCOHOL
LICENSING

No applications to consider

OPERATORS
LICENSES

Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – January 6, 2026**BILLS**

GFL	Transfer Station	\$384.57
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Phone, internet, electricity	\$383.38
Consumers Cooperative	Gas	\$31.23
Pierce County Treasurer	Tax Envelopes	\$48.00
Election Systems & Software	Software and Maintenance	\$845.00
Helmer Printing	Tax List Printing	\$329.82
Helmer Printing	Dog License Printing	\$114.50
Helmer Printing	#10 Envelopes	\$110.60
Helmer Printing	2025 Tax Newsletter Printing	\$134.50
Ellsworth Fire	2026 Fire Service	\$48,291.00
Lisa Hines	Postage	\$346.85
Catalis Tax Software	Tax Collection Software	\$447.30
Chippewa Valley Energy		\$2,076.81
Total Bills		\$5,548.58

Debit and Payroll Transactions – December 2025

Don Jakes	Insurance	\$1,020.00
Wisconsin Dept of Revenue	State Withholding	\$304.07
Roger Young	Payroll	\$249.34
Nathan Beastron	Payroll	\$62.34
Lisa Hines	Payroll	\$1,385.25
Gordon Borner	Payroll	\$831.15
Brad Ristow	Payroll	\$831.15
Roger Billeter	Payroll	\$1662.30
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,064.82
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,707.34

MSC to approve to the bills.

Motion made by Borner, seconded by Ristow

Board Reviewed Correspondence. Borner reported on the recent CITRIC meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to Report

ANIMAL ISSUES

Next regular board meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026. The Tuesday meeting will allow attendance at the Village meeting.

NEXT MTG

A motion was made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Bristow to move into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c) WI Statutes to consider compensation for the road foreman.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Bristow to move out of closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c) WI Statutes to consider compensation for the road foreman.

MSC to convert unused insurance benefits for the road foreman into an additional \$3,000 retirement contribution.

(Motion made Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

MSC to adjourn.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

ADJOURN

Russell Korpela, Clerk