

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490<sup>th</sup> Ave). The meeting notice had been posted February 27, 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: Tim Westerberg, Spencer Schoeder, Tyler Schroeder, Ron Reigle, Sheldon Huppert, Ron Reigle, Barry Foy</p>	<p>MARCH 2, 2026 BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Supervisor Ristow called the meeting to order at 7 pm and Pledge of Alliance was held.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE</p>
<p>The minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular board meeting were reviewed. MSC to approve the February 2, 2026 minutes. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).</p>	<p>MINUTES</p>
<p>The minutes of the February 18, 2026 special board meeting were reviewed. MSC to approve the February 2, 2026 minutes. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).</p>	
<p>Clerk presented the February financial report: checking \$45,795.58; LGIP General \$128,963.76.; LGIP Machinery \$ 9,626.72; LGIP town Hall Fund \$ 91,465.82; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$ 330,563.05</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>There was no public comment</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>Tim Westerberg reported that they have been snow plowing, putting up spring weight limit signs and doing truck repairs. Barry Foy asked about a dip in a road. The board reviewed the quotes from Fahner for asphalt treatment and they were as approved in the budget for \$47,529.20</p>	<p>ROAD WORK REPORT</p>
<p>Korpela shared a draft proposal and guidelines for a road committee. The board felt the current road management process with the town chair (or a designee) interacting with the road maintenance staff works for now.</p>	<p>FORMING ROAD COMMITTEE DISCUSSION</p>
<p>A discussion was held about a new grant program for the WI DOT for bridge structures that more than 6 ft but less than 20ft. Korpela said he consulted with Mark Petersen of Ayres and he indicated that he has been told that only structures with a rating of 1 or 2 would be considered. He also said that Ayres could prepare a grant application by the May deadline if the Board lets him know the structures to include in the grant right after the April Board meeting.</p>	<p>LSIP SMALL STRUCTURES GRANT</p>
<p>WTA has a District meeting in Eau Claire on March 7, the Pierce County Clerks will be meeting on March 11 in Ellsworth and the WTA Road School will be April 28 &amp; 29 in WI Dells. Tim Westerberg and Russ Korpela will be attending the Road School.</p>	<p>UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES</p>

Ristow said he reviewed a driveway permit from Jay McGrath. He recommended approval with the stipulation that the driveway level with the roadway for at least 20ft from the intersection with the roadway. MSC to approve the permit (motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

DRIVEWAY  
PERMIT

Ristow also reviewed a driveway permit from Chris Beckler – he denied the request and is waiting for a redraft of the proposal.

No applications to consider

OPERATORS  
LICENSES

**Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – March 2, 2026**

BILLS

GFL	Transfer Station	\$380.22
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Phone, internet, electricity	\$372.29
Catalis Tax Software	Tax Collection Software	\$561.80
Pierce County	Employee Consortium	\$100.00
Pierce County Highway	Salt Sand & Brine	\$9,892.45
WTA	Unit Dues	\$50.00
Prochnow Assessing	Assessing Services	\$4,000.00
Pierce County Journal	Notice Publication	144.80
Walz ACE Hardware	Misc	109.87
Ellsworth Parts City	Parts	670.25
Elan Financial Service	Quickbooks	14.77
Rural Mutual	Workmen's Comp Audit	519.00
<b>Total Bills</b>		<b>\$16,815.45</b>

**Debit and Payroll Transactions – January 2026**

Russell Korpela	Payroll	\$1,073.82
Don Jakes	Health Insurance	\$510.00
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$3,451.36
US Treasury	Federal Withholding	\$2,857.32
Wisconsin Dept of Revenue	State Withholding	\$304.07
Russell Korpela	Payroll	\$1,073.82
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,577.15
Don Jakes	Payroll	\$643.00
Roger Young	Payroll	\$265.96

MSC to approve payment of the bills. (motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Board Reviewed Correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to Report

ANIMAL ISSUES

Korpela said by State statute the Town's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21. Prochnow Assessing would like the Open Book for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and the Board of Review on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm. The Board approved those dates

SET UPCOMING  
DATES

Next Town Board meeting will be Monday, April 6

NEXT BOARD  
MEETING

MSC to adjourn.  
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

ADJOURN

Russell Korpela, Clerk