

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490th Ave). The meeting notice had been posted July 31, 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 (road foreman), Rob Close, Tim Lorenz, Everett Milhausen, Phyllis Beastrom, Spencer Schroeder	AUGUST 3, 2026 BOARD MEETING																				
Supervisor Ristow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Pledge of Alliance was held.	CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE																				
The minutes of the July 6, 2026 regular board meeting were reviewed. MSC to approve the July 6, 2026 minutes. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).	MINUTES																				
Clerk presented the July financial report: checking \$1,888.62; LGIP General \$217,413.09, LGIP Machinery \$ 9,772.86; LGIP town Hall Fund \$ 92,854.32; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$128,410.33	FINANCIAL REPORT																				
Phyllis Beastrom gave an update of Chair Billeter	PUBLIC COMMENT																				
Westerberg has implemented a new weekly email report. He has been working on shouldering, contacted Farhner about coming back to finish intersection they missed. Scott will be potentially begin chip sealing in early August. He is getting a quote to sand blast old plow truck. An inventory of signs was completed and we are ordering 34 signs. The grader needs new cutting edges which the County will do.	ROAD WORK REPORT																				
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Korpela said the State Statute has been changed in regards to day care licensing. There was some confusion about whether Towns need to approve the license for day care providers. As it turns out, only zoned towns or towns with specific day care ordinances need to approve. The Town of Ellsworth is not zoned and has no related ordinance.

DAYCARE LICENSE
UPDATE

Pierce County ordinance require town approval of holding tank applications approved by the County Land Management committee. Rob Close is installing a holding tank for his garage and received approval for the tank from the County.
MSC to approve the holding tank application for Rob Close
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

HOLDING TANK
APPROVAL

None

DRIVEWAY
PERMITS

Operator licenses were submitted by Laurie Larson and Lauren Prissel. Clerk recommends approval.
MSC to approve submitted operators licenses.
(Motion made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

OPERATORS
LICENSES

Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – August 3, 2026

BILLS

GFL	Transfer Station	\$405.40
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Phone, internet	\$77.50
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Electricity	\$230.00
Universal Truck	Plow truck	\$148,733.00
WI Towns Association	Annual Dues	\$1,483.74
Ag Partners	LP	\$1,181.42
Walz ACE Hardware	Parts	\$107.36
Ellsworth Parts City	Parts	\$13.56
CNA Surety	Clerk/Treasurer Bond	\$275.00
Carlson Electric & Heating	Wall Furnace in Container Office	3,196.00
Prochnow Assessing	Assessment Contract	\$6,000.00
Pierce County Journal	Notice Publication	\$99.94
Consumers Cooperative	Gasoline	\$36.75
Total Bills		\$161,609.67

Debit and Payroll Transactions – July 2026

Edward Jones	Westerberg Retirement	\$2,190.72
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,073.83
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,209.95
Don Jakes	Insurance	\$510.00
US Treasury	Federal Tax Deposit	\$1,474.46
WI DOR	State W/H	\$325.75
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,073.83
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,209.95
Intuit	Payroll Subscription	\$29.54
Funds Transfer	MM to Checking	\$110,000.00
Don Jakes	Insurance	\$510.00
Don Jakes	Payroll	\$730.92
Amazon	Election Supplies	\$12.54
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,073.83

Ristow reported that the Ellsworth Ambulance Committee has voted to approve a 3% per capita increase for 2027. It was expected the increase might be 5%. He also reported he has been working with town and ag stakeholders to see if an agreement can be reached on manure spreading. Ristow also reported he was able to get Microsoft 365 working on the road foreman's computer

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANIMAL ISSUES

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The meeting is on Tuesday since Monday, September 7 is Labor Day

NEXT BOARD
MEETING

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

ADJOURN

Russell Korpela, Clerk

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