SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 BOARD MEETING

The Ellsworth Town Board met Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490th Ave). The meeting notice had been posted September 4th, 2026 at the town hall, Nilssen's Foods, Ellsworth Post Office, website and Facebook. 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), Don Jakes, Tim Lorenz, Spencer Schroeder

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Supervisor Ristow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Pledge of Alliance was held.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 3, 2026 regular board meeting were reviewed.
MSC to approve the August 3, 2026 minutes.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk presented the August financial report: checking $31,265.52; LGIP General $219,276.04, LGIP Machinery $ 9,803.37; LGIP town Hall Fund $ 93,436.73; Cash on hand $25, Money Market $84,253.99

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Lorenz commented that the Town should remove the Iron Clad Storage logo off the side of the container office. Don Jakes asked about the stump killer purchase and its uses.

ROAD WORK REPORT

Westerberg reported he has been working with Scott to do prep for the chip sealing project. Repaired a soft spot on Gun Range Road, mowed the dump grounds, did more ditch mowing and leveled dip on 490th.

There was discussion about options to advertise the sale of the old plow truck.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS

The Board reviewed a proposed ordinance to set fire inspections in the Town at the request of the Ellsworth Fire Association. Borner had concerns about the ordinance not specifically excluded private residences from inspection. Korpela said he would do some follow up and bring back the ordinance at a future meeting.

GUN RANGE ROAD PROPOSAL

Discussion was held about planning for future improvements to Gun Range Road. Ayres and Associates submitted a design proposal. It was decided to consider the project as part of the 2027 Budget discussions.

AG PARTNER LP CONTRACT

MSC to approve the 2026-2027 propane contract with Ag Partners.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

APPROVE NEW POLL WORKERS

MSC to approve Michelle Prissel, Ann Young, Jordan Kurtz and Polly Kleven as poll workers.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

None

DRIVEWAY PERMITS

None

OPERATORS LICENSES

Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – September 8, 2026

BILLS

GFL	Transfer Station	$410.61
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Phone, internet	$77.50
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Electricity	$131.00
Walz ACE Hardware	Parts	$85.90
Rural Mutual Insurance	Workmans Comp	$6,286.00
Rural Mutual Insurance	Liability/Property	$2,027.00
Ellsworth Parts City	Parts	$406.60
Pierce County Journal	Notice Publication	$61.88
Pierce County Highway	Equipment Rental	$265.10
Pierce County Clerk	Election Expenses	$90.50
Consumers Cooperative	Gasoline	$174.02
WI Towns Association	Fall Workshop	$77.74
Total Bills		**$10,093.85**

Debit and Payroll Transactions – August 2026

Amazon	Election Supplies	$21.09
Nutrien Ag	Stump killer	$433.86
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	$2,209.95
Family Dollar	Supplies	46.03
Funds Transfer	MM to CK	$50,000.00
Nilssen's	Election Food	$54.59
St. Paul's UCC	Election Rent	$400.00
Don Jakes	Insurance	$510.00
Russ Korpela	Payroll	$1,073.83
US Treasury	Federal Tax Deposit	$2494.14
WI DOR	State Tax Deposit	364.81
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	$2,209.95
Election Payroll	Poll Worker Time & Training	$997.50
Funds Transfer	MM To CK	$149,000.00
Roger Young	Transfer Station Wages	$332.46
Quickbooks Payroll	Software	$51.70
Russ Korpela	Payroll	$1,073.82

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

Board asked Korpela to register the Town on the new Dept of Transportation salt sand inspection site.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANIMAL ISSUES

Next meeting date will be October 12, 2026. The meeting is one week later than normal due the Clerk being on vacation

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

Russell Korpela, Clerk