

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, December 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490th Ave). The meeting notice had been posted November 21, 2025 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, Ron Reigle, Don Jakes, Sheldon Huppert, Barry Foy, Randy Prochnow, Tony Draaijer

DECEMBER 1,
2025
BOARD
MEETING

Supervisor Ristow called the meeting to order at 7 pm

CALL TO
ORDER

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 budget hearing, special electors levy meeting and the regular November meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MINUTES

MSC to approve the budget hearing minutes.

(Motion by Ristow, seconded by Borner).

MSC to approve the special electors meeting minutes

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

MSC to approve the November regular board meeting minutes

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

Clerk presented the November financial report: checking \$132,761.24; LGIP General \$94,289.91.; LGIP Machinery \$ 9,533.95; LGIP town Hall Fund \$ 90,584.29; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$ 80,414.06.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

Sheldon Huppert reported the new plow truck was moved to a new garage on his property and the batteries were charged.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

Chairman Billeter will be missing a few more meetings as he recovers from a medical situation. WI State Statute allows for the Town Board to meet as a two person board.

UPDATE ON
TOWN CHAIR

Amanda Lorentz has obtained a conditional use permit from Pierce County to operate a commercial dog kennel. By ordinance, the Township can now issue her a commercial kennel license. Earlier in 2025 Lorentz paid \$50 for a regular kennel license.

AMANDA LORENTZ
COMMERCIAL
KENNEL LICENSE

MSC to approve a commercial kennel license for Amanda Lorentz effective immediately, no additional fees are needed in 2025 and a \$250 commercial kennel license with billed as January 1.

(motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Tim Westerberg reported that he has been working on mowing and patching. He is also doing plow truck prep to get it ready for the winter season. Salt sand has been ordered. Discussion was held about exploring the purchase of a salt shed in 2027 budget.

ROAD
REPORT/AGRIP

Don Jakes said that Schroeder Farms has been working on getting more farmer documentation to resubmit the AGRIP grant. Korpela said Ayres preparing the grant. Staff will work on getting the final info to Ayres for the December 15, 2025 grant submission deadline

Three proposals were received to provide assessing services for the Town. The proposals were from Prochnow, Kleven and Bowmar. The Board decided to schedule a meeting on December 8th to conduct interviews.

ASSESSOR RFP

No driveway permits to consider

DRIVEWAY PERMIT

No applications to consider

OPERATORS LICENSES

The Board reviewed the bills to pay. These included:

BILLS

GFL	Transfer Station	\$349.12
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Phone, internet, electricity	\$251.60
John Deere	Repair Work	\$2,987.41
Elan Card Services	Intuit	\$51.70
Consumers Cooperative	Gas	\$59.50
Marko Septic	Pump Holding Tank At Town Hall	\$315.00
Waltz Hardware	Signs	38.72
Ellsworth Parts City	Parts	613.53
Farm Country Tire	Tractor Tires	468.00
Pierce County Solid Waste	Recycle Tires	25.00
Lisa Hines	Stamps	390.00
Total Bills		\$5,548.58

Debit and Payroll Transactions – November 2025

Wisconsin Dept of Revenue	State Withholding	304.07
Tractor Central	Parts	5.35
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,064.82
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,141.15
Don Jakes	Insurance	\$510.00
US Treasury	Fed Withholding	\$1,906.20
WI Dept of Rev	State Withholding	481.83
Fleet Farm	Jacks for Plows	116.03
CCF Bank	490th Interest	3,413.71
County Journal	Notices	352.52
CCF Bank	Wire Transfer	15.00

MSC to pay the bills.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Board Reviewed Correspondence. Ristow expressed concern about R1 rezoning that has been enacted by the Village of Ellsworth as part of their ETZ authority. He has reached out to the Village and Town of Trimble officials. A plan will be formed to call on the Village to meet to discuss. Members of the ETZ committee and both Towns will attend the next Village board meeting on January 5, 2026.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to Report

ANIMAL ISSUES

Next regular board meeting will be TUESDAY, January 6. The Tuesday meeting will allow attendance at the Village meeting.

NEXT MTG

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

ADJOURN

Russell Korpela, Clerk