

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, December 5, 2022 immediately following the 6:00 p.m. discussion with town residents, the Ellsworth Plan Commission, and the Town Board regarding issues and challenges to be addressed in the Town Comprehensive Plan, said discussion led by Christopher Holtkamp, investigator for updating the plan. Meeting notice was posted November 25, updated November 28th and published in the November 30th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beastro) were present as well as the Town Plan Commission (Christopher Feuerhelm, Adam Johnson, John Huber, Gary Nelson, and Gordon Borner). Others in attendance for town meeting were Maintenance Don Jakes, Barry Foy, Audrey and Clare Severson, Paula Chisholm, George Grajkowski, Tim Lorenz, Sheldon Huppert, and Scott Hines.

**DECEMBER
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

The minutes of the November meeting had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting.

MSC to accept the minutes as presented.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 32,991.89; LGIP General \$189,290.06; LGIP Machinery \$114,955.48; LGIP town Hall Fund \$100,000.00; CCF Money Market \$12,599.25; and cash on hand \$25.00. Town received the final Shared Revenue payment of \$35,941 which is included in the LGIP General funds.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 - finished patching; 2 – mowing tractor is under cover; 3 – winter equipment is on trucks and grader wing will be put on next week.

**ROAD
WORK**

The Bid Advertisements for the 480th Avenue Road Construction project have or will be published in the Pierce County Journal November 30 and December 7th and in the Hudson Star Observer December 1 and 8. Bid opening will be 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 15th.

**480TH AVE
BID
ADVERTISE-
MENTS**

Town has not received the payment for 610th Avenue culvert cost sharing. It was on the November 17th Highway committee agenda.

**610TH Ave
COST SHARING**

No other roadwork.

**OTHER
ROADWORK**

No driveway applications.

DRIVEWAY

MSC to appoint Adam Johnson to the Town Plan Commission, his term to expire April 2025.

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

**PLAN
COMMISSION
APPOINTMENT**

Jeremy and Becky Beaulieu sent an e-mail the afternoon of December 5th stating they withdrew their offer on the land in the town of Ellsworth and will not be pursuing a wedding venue barn. The Town Plan Commission had previously met with Mr. Beaulieu on November 28th and recommended the Town Board approve the conditional

**JEREMY
BEAULIEU
WEDDING
VENUE
BARN**

use permit with stipulations as outlined in the Plan Commission minutes.
Since Jeremy and Becky Beaulieu withdrew their offer, no action taken at this meeting.

No public comment.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

The vault/safe will be delivered on December 6th. Purchased from Maple Grove Lock and Safe for \$3697.99.

VAULT

MSC to issue operator license to Brenda Meixner (Kenny's Lawton Bar).
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.)

OP
LICENSE

Hailie A Dahl submitted an application but has not yet taken the server course. No action until she presents her serving certificate.

Code of Ethics Ordinance was on the November agenda for discussion and could not be adopted at previous meeting.

CODE OF
ETHICS
ORDINANCE
2022-01

MSC to adopt the Code of Ethics Ordinance 2022-1.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.)

Tabled discussion on updating town ordinance on All-Terrain vehicles and Utility Terrain vehicles to be in compliance with Wisconsin Statute 23.33.

ATV-UTV

The following bills were reviewed for payment: All Croix Inspections \$466.00 (Brent Becker porch); Ayres Associates \$17,560.00 (480th Avenue engineering); Ellsworth Parts City \$140.42 (parts, supplies); Pierce County Journal \$359.39 (budget hearing, election & meeting notices); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (assessing contract); Pierce County Highway \$959.77 (spot repairs and sign); Pierce County Clerk \$89.00 (November election expenses); Pierce county Treasurer \$54 (tax envelopes); Swift Current \$74.23 (phone and broadband); Walz Ace Hardware \$195.98 (parts, supplies); Wisconsin Town Association Advocacy Council \$280.25 (dues).

BILLS

MSC to pay bills.

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

Correspondence included: 1 – All Croix Inspections building permits (Brent Becker porch). 2 – No Pierce County land use permits for October.

CORRES
PONDENCE

Two dogs were at Eastling's on 450th Avenue east of Highway 10.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Monday, January 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Special Town Meeting of the electors to review and possibly take action on town board salary to be effective after the spring election; 6:45 p.m. Caucus to nominate individuals for the Spring April 4th ballot for the positions of Town Chair, Supervisors, Clerk, and Treasurer. The January board meeting will follow the caucus.

NEXT MTG

MSC to adjourn

ADJOURN

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

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN OF ELLSWORTH MEETING NOTICES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Ellsworth Town Hall (W6058 490th Ave)

1 . 6:00 p.m. All Town Residents are invited to join the discussion with the Town of Ellsworth Plan Commission and the Town Board regarding issues and challenges currently, as well into the future to be addressed in the comprehensive plan. Christopher Holtkamp, investigator for updating the plan will lead the discussion. Come, share your thoughts and opinions.

2. Immediately following the Comprehensive Plan discussion, the board will hold its regular monthly meeting.

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report including transfers, reimbursements and introduction of new town treasurer**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update**
- **610th Ave cost sharing update**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **appoint Adam Johnson to the Plan Commission**
- **report and action on Jeremy Beaulieu conditional use permit to build & open an event center in Section 24, east of 530th St**
- **public comment**
- **update on purchase of vault for townhall/shop**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **adoption of Ordinance 2022-1 Code of Ethics**
- **discussion on Wisconsin Statute 23.33 – All-Terrain vehicles and Utility Terrain vehicles**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board had a Special Town Board Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of appointing a Town Treasurer. Meeting notice had been posted November 16, 2022.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
MEETING
NOVEMBER 21,
2022**

On November 15, 2022, Paula Chisholm submitted her letter of resignation as Town Treasurer as they have purchased a home in Amery and have sold their home in the Town of Ellsworth.

(Background information) When a treasurer moves from the town, the office held is immediately vacated. The board has the right to appoint an individual to complete the term. The county was also contacted about collecting the town's taxes and they agreed to do so if a treasurer was not appointed by the time taxes are printed).

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner and Clerk Beastrom. Also present was Lisa Hines.

CALL TO ORDER

MSC to appoint Lisa M Hines as treasurer for the Town of Ellsworth to complete the treasurer term that expires at midnight April 17, 2023.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

APPOINT
LISA M HINES
TREASURER

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom
Clerk

**THE ELLSWORTH TOWN
BOARD WILL HAVE A
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD
MEETING**

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 21, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **Appoint Lisa Hines to
vacated position of Town
Treasurer**
- **Adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, November, 7, 2022 immediately following the hearing on the proposed 2023 budget and after the Special Town Meeting of the electors which followed the budget hearing which began at 6:30 p.m. The meeting notice had been posted October 25 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny's Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer and published in the November 2nd issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastrom) were present as well as Maintenance Don Jakes and town residents Adam Johnson, Barry Foy, and George Grajkowski.

**NOVEMBER
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

The minutes of the October meeting had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting. The minutes were corrected to say Gordon Borner (not Gordon Huppert) seconded the motion to purchase crushed rock from Huppert Transport.

Correction noted and made.

MSC to accept the minutes as corrected.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 25,707.62; LGIP General \$353,349.06; LGIP Machinery \$14,955.48; CCF Money Market \$67,488.53; and cash on hand \$25.00.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 - Scott Construction completed the 710th Street crack filling from 450th Avenue to 490th Avenue.; 2 – have been mowing, patching; 3 – Huppert Transport has been hauling crushed rock for the stock pile; 4 – the county added small rock for the approach to the bridge on 410th Avenue by Beastrom's; 5 – culvert by Everett Muhlhausen's is plugged and county will try to open Wednesday.

**ROAD
WORK**

Mark Peterson from Ayres met with Chair Billeter, Supervisor Borner, Maintenance Don Jakes and Clerk Beastrom on Thursday, October 13th at 2 p.m. to review the plans for 480th Avenue road construction. Discussed cutting the hill by Don Johnson's. Mr. Peterson will make the adjustments and submit the advertising bid to the clerk so it can be published for a December 15th bid opening.

480TH AVE

Clerk spoke with Elliott Check at the county highway department and the cost sharing report has been submitted for reimbursement to the highway committee.

**610th Ave
COST SHARING**

Barry Foy asked about the dirt pile in the ditch by Ed Falkofske's on 450th Avenue. Maintenance had hoped to get more dirt to put in the low spot in the ditch but will spread this dirt before it freezes.

**OTHER
ROADWORK**

No driveway applications.

DRIVEWAY

MSC to approve the UW-River Falls Standard Research Agreement in the amount of \$3746 for updating the Town's Comprehensive plan under the leadership of Christopher Holtkamp for the period November 1, 2022 to December 30, 2023.

**COMP PLAN
AGREEMENT**

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

Jeremy and Becky Beaulieu presented a powerpoint on building a wedding venue barn in the Town of Ellsworth. Current property under consideration for this is on 530th

**JEREMY
BEAULIEU**

<p>Street immediately north of the town garbage and recycling collection site. Tupelo Hill Barn would be a year round venue. They are concerned about driveway access and having a liquor license. Chair suggested they drill a well to see if they have good water at this site since it is adjacent to the town dump which was an active site for many years. Clerk reported the town does not have a liquor license available as we have a quota of 4 liquor licenses and all are used in current establishments; but they could have a beer license as there's no quota on beer license.</p> <p>Concensus to have this proposal presented to the plan commission on Monday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. The plan Commission will make a recommendation for the December 5 board meeting.</p>	<p>WEDDING VENUE BARN</p>
<p>Treasurer Paula Chisholm reported they have sold their house and will be moving to Amery as of December 12th and questioned whether she could still collect taxes this year. Clerk will research.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>MSC to adopt the 2023 town budget with total income of \$643,927 of which \$410,089 is the town levy; expected carry over from 2022 is \$438,000 with total expenses of \$862,626.</p> <p>(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	<p>ADOPT 2023 BUDGET</p>
<p>MSC to transfer \$100,000 to Machinery Fund and \$100,000 to a new account titled Town Hall Fund.</p> <p>(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)</p>	<p>TRANSFER FUNDS</p>
<p>Supervisor Ristow reported the Ambulance Association approved making some improvements at the Ambulance Hall.</p>	<p>AMBULANCE REPORT</p>
<p>Supervisor Ristow is still checking vault sites.</p>	<p>VAULT</p>
<p>No operator license applications this month.</p>	<p>OP LICENSE</p>
<p>Discussion on Code of Ethics Ordinance. Supervisor Ristow moved to adopt the Code of Ethics Ordinance, seconded by Gordon Borner. Approved.</p> <p>(Note: agenda noted discussion – did not include action. Ordinance will be adopted at December 5 meeting).</p> <p>Concensus not to proceed with Procurement Policy.</p>	<p>CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: ALCIVIA \$ 116.44 (gasoline); Cardmember Services \$1007.96 (Target \$884.96 town hall monitor and Mid American Research Chemicals \$322.98); All Croix Inspections \$2525.24 (building inspections for Rohl-Kinneman-Holdorf dwelling); Brad Marko (garage); Robert Mercord (pole shed); Ayres Associates \$15,365.00 (480th Avenue engineering); Ellsworth Parts City \$24.86 (supplies for broadband/internet); Pierce County Journal \$95.55 (board meeting & budget public hearing); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (assessing contract); Pierce County Highway \$1616.79 (bridge decks and signs); Scott Construction \$5671.00 (crack filling); Swift Current \$92.02 (phone and broadband); Trimble Stone \$1970.48 (crushed rock); Walz Ace Hardware \$29.36 (supplies), Wisconsin Department of Revenue \$18.99 (manufacturing assessment fee).</p> <p>MSC to pay bills.</p> <p>(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).</p>	<p>BILLS</p>
<p>Correspondence included: September Pierce County land use permits for Ed Rohl (dwelling with garage); Sanitary permits for Ed Rohl, Robert Mercord, and Beth and</p>	<p>CORRES PONDENCE</p>

Billy Bible; 2 – All Croix Inspections building permits in October: Ed Rohl (dwelling); Brad Marko (detached garage); and Robert Mercord (pole shed).

No animal issues in October.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Monday, December 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a workshop discussion for town residents, town plan commission, and town board led by Christopher Holtkamp addressing issues facing the town that should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Immediately after the workshop discussion, the board will hold its December meeting.

NEXT MTG

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

The Ellsworth Town Board had a Special Town Board Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of appointing a Town Treasurer. Meeting notice had been posted November 16, 2022.

SPECIAL
BOARD
MEETING
NOVEMBER 21,
2022

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Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner and Clerk Beastrom. Also present was Lisa Hines.

CALL TO ORDER

MSC to appoint Lisa M Hines as treasurer for the Town of Ellsworth to complete the treasurer term that expires at midnight April 17, 2023.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

APPOINT
LISA M HINES
TREASURER

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom
Clerk

TOWN OF ELLSWORTH MEETING NOTICES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Ellsworth Town Hall (W6058 490th Ave)

- 1. A PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2023 budget of the Town of Ellsworth** will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (W6058 490th Ave). All persons are encouraged to attend and be heard. A summary of the budget is posted at the Town Hall and on the Town Website and is available by appointment at the clerk's office.
- 2. A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** will be held immediately following the public hearing to (1) approve the 2022 Town tax levy to be paid in 2023 pursuant to Sec.60.10(1)(a) of WI Statutes.
3. Immediately following the Special Town Meeting **the board will hold its regular monthly meeting.**

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update**
- **610th Ave cost sharing update**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **take action on UW -RF Standard Research Agreement for updating the town's comprehensive plan under the direction of Christopher Holtkamp**
- **take action on Jeremy Beaulieu request to build & open an event center in Section 24, east of 530th St**
- **public comment**
- **adopt the 2023 budget for the Town of Ellsworth**
- **ambulance committee report**
- **update on town internet and phone service**
- **update on purchase of vault for townhall/shop**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **discussion on transfer station refuse hauling**
- **discussion on establishing Code of Ethics Ordinance and Procurement Policy**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The 2023 budget hearing for the Town of Ellsworth was called to order by Chairman Roger Billeter at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022 at the town hall. The budget hearing notice had been previously published in the October 19th and 26th and November 2nd issues of the Pierce County Journal and was posted October 17th at the town garage, transfer station, Kenny's Lawton Bar, 715 Steer and Beer, and town website. There were 9 town residents present.

**2023
BUDGET
HEARING**

The clerk reviewed the 2023 budget. The town's levy for 2023 will be \$410,078, the allowable levy as determined by the Department of Revenue. The town did not reconstruct 480th Avenue this year so it is expected the town will have \$438,000 in carry over funds at the end of this year. The town expects to reconstruct 480th Avenue in 2023. The budget also includes a 1 Ton fleet truck which has been ordered through Quinn Motors. However, the town purchased a used pickup truck this year so whenever the truck arrives, the town can decide if it wants to purchase the new fleet truck.

**BUDGET
REVIEW**

Barry Foy commented that in past years, the town chair wage was nearly double the supervisor salary and he believes the chair salary should be reviewed before caucus.

The clerk calculated mill rates for he Ellsworth School District, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and the town and taxes will be lower this year.

MSC to close the budget hearing.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

**CLOSE
HEARING**

Immediately following the budget hearing, Chairman Billeter called the special town meeting for the Town of Ellsworth to order. The Notice of Special Town Meeting of Electors was published in the October 19th, 26th, and November 2nd issues of the Pierce County Journal and posted on October 17th at the town garage, transfer station, Kenny's Lawton Bar, 715 Steer and Beer, and town website. This special meeting had to be published/posted at least 15 and not more than 20 days in advance per Wi Stats 60.12(3). There were 9 town residents in attendance. The agenda of the Special Town Meeting of the Electors 1 - To approve the 2022 Town tax levy to be paid in 2023 pursuant to Sec.60.10(1)(a) of WI Statutes.

**SPECIAL
TOWN
MEETING**

Motion by Barry Foy, seconded by Gordon Borner to adopt the 2022 town levy to be collected in 2023 in the amount of \$410,078.
Motion carried.

**ADOPT
TOWN
LEVY OF
\$410,078**

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (W6058 490th Ave), a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET of the Town of Ellsworth will be held. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the home of the town clerk by appointment. All persons are encouraged to attend this hearing and be heard. The following is a summary of the proposed budget:

	2022 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUE			
Taxes	\$ 488,413	\$ 413,988	
Intergovernmental	260,134	200,789	
Licenses, permits	11,327	10,700	
Public charges for services	14,700	14,700	
Intergovernmental Charges	1,000	650	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,700</u>	<u>3,100</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 777,274	\$ 643,927	-17.1557%
Funds carried over	<u>256,716</u>	<u>438,000</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,033,990	\$1,081,927	
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 83,768	\$ 80,355	
Public Safety	84,889	88,336	
Public Works	215,970	243,720	
Health & Human	400	400	
Culture/Education/Recreation	0	0	
Loan payment	103,000	0	
Capital Outlay	<u>507,963</u>	<u>449,815</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 995,990	\$862,626	-13.39%
FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 38,000	219,301	
Property taxes levied	\$ 484,503	\$ 410,078	-15.361%

Notice of Special Town Meeting of Electors Town of Ellsworth, Pierce County, Wisconsin

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the Town of Ellsworth, Pierce County, Wisconsin, will be held in the town at the Town Hall/Garage, W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth, WI 54011 on the 7th day of November, 2022 immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2022 town budget which begins at 6:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To approve the 2022 Town tax levy to be paid in 2023 pursuant to Sec.60.10(1)(a) of WI Statutes

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.
Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk
Town of Ellsworth, Pierce County
Posted 10-17-2022

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted September 21, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer and updated on September 27th. Meeting notice was published in the September 27th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastrom) were present.

**OCTOBER
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. MSC to move into closed session per WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee compensation.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

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

Roll call vote: Roger Billeter yes; Gordon Borner yes; Brad Ristow yes.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

MSC to move back into open session.

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

Roll call vote: Roger Billeter yes, Gordon Borner yes, Brad Ristow yes.

Chair Billeter resumed the board meeting at 7:00 p.m. In attendance for the meeting were the Town Board, Brad Holmstrom, Brian O’Connell, Tim Lorenz, Jim Chisholm, and Don Jakes.

**RESUME
BOARD
MEETING**

The Clerk introduced Christopher Holtkamp to those in attendance. Mr. Holtkamp is Assistant Professor of Conservation and Environmental Planning at University of Wisconsin – River Falls and is interested in updating the Town of Ellsworth Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029. He recently updated the Village of Ellsworth Comprehensive Plan. Per Wisconsin Statutes, comprehensive plans are to be updated at least every ten years.

**CHRISTOPHER
HOLTkamp
UPDATE
TOWN
COMPRE-
HENSIVE
PLAN
2009-2029**

Mr. Holtkamp informed the group that all comprehensive plans are based on 9 topics per state statutes. The comprehensive plan is to address goals and strategies for challenges facing the community. He would like to hold a couple of workshops with the board, the plan commission, and other interested folks to assess the challenges facing the town, how they might be addressed in the plan and update the 9 required topics. His fee is estimated to be \$3500. If awarded the project of updating the plan, he will provide a written contract for the board’s next meeting.

MSC to accept the proposal by Mr. Holtkamp and proceed with updating the comprehensive plan.

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

The minutes of the September meeting had been previously distributed and were also available at the meeting.

MINUTES

MSC to accept the September minutes.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 44,344.81; LGIP General \$321,093.95; LGIP Machinery \$14,889.04; CCF Money Market \$92,345.64; and cash on hand \$25.00.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 - have been patching; 2 – the brushing at 450th Avenue and 710th Street has been completed; 3 – one mile of 710th Street, from 450th Avenue to 490th Avenue will be crack filled by Scott Construction.

**ROAD
WORK**

<p>The invoices for the 610th Avenue cost sharing culverts have arrived and the clerk will complete the cost sharing forms and get them to the county. The total cost is \$26,899.13 so town should receive approximately \$13,450 in cost sharing.</p>	<p>610th AVE CULVERT COST SHARING</p>
<p>No update from Ayres Engineer Mark Peterson regarding 480th Avenue.</p>	<p>480th AVE</p>
<p>Chair received crushed rock prices from the county \$8.86T which includes the administration cost and Huppert Transport \$8.80T. MSC to purchased crushed rock from Huppert Transport. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner) Chair reported that some of the crushed rock will be hauled directly and applied to roads and the rest will be stockpiled.</p>	<p>CRUSHED ROCK</p>
<p>No driveway applications.</p>	<p>DRIVEWAY</p>
<p>Charles Casey is the new part time town employee. MSC to set part time employee wage at \$20 hour. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>PARTTIME EMPLOYEE</p>
<p>MSC to approve 3 year assessor contract for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 in amount of \$23,760 which is \$660 per month plus mailing expenses for Board of Review. (Motion by Roger Billeter, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	<p>ASSESSOR CONTRACT</p>
<p>The ambulance board will meet to work on the budget for 2023.</p>	<p>AMBULANCE</p>
<p>No operator license applications this month.</p>	<p>OP LICENSE</p>
<p>The GFL dumpster is in place but Waste Management has not picked up its 8 yd dumpster. Clerk distributed a listing of approximately 50 users purchasing and dumping bags at the transfer station between January 1, 2021 and September 24, 2022.</p>	<p>TRANSFER STATION</p>
<p>The wall monitor has been installed.</p>	<p>WALL MONITOR</p>
<p>Discussion continued on a vault/safe to store town minute books, new checks, data backups, absentee ballots until election day when they are transported to the county clerk. Supervisor Ristow will continue to check for sizes, prices, availability.</p>	<p>VAULT/SAFE</p>
<p>Discussion on Code of Ethics Ordinance and Procurement Policy tabled to November.</p>	<p>TABLED</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: Pierce County Highway \$26,412.09 (culvert cost sharing invoices); Pierce County Highway general \$12,007.04 (blade patching, signs); Alcivia \$117.54 (gasoline); Pierce County Journal \$27.49 (publishing) Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$92.00 (electricity), Brad Ristow \$95.16 (monitor supplies) and Big River Dirt \$2000.00 (brushing along 450th Avenue (710th St intersection). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>BILLS</p>

MSC that wages for the 2023 budget be as follow: maintenance and transfer station employees 4% wage increase, the part time employee hourly wage \$20 and election workers hourly wage \$13.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

2023
BUDGET

Correspondence included: 1 – Fraud alert notice from Register of Deeds asking if we want to include with tax statement. Concensus to include with tax statements. 2 – no buildings permits in September from All Croix Inspections; 3 – final notice of 2022 population is 1121; 4 – thank you from Scott Construction.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

Dan Feuerhelm’s dog was running. Clerk was instructed to send him a letter informing him he owned the town \$100 for violating the dog ordinance as this is the second notice he’s had for dogs running at large and being unlicensed.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Monday, November 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the budget hearing, followed by the Town Meeting to approve the levy, and then the regular board meeting.

NEXT MTG

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

The Ellsworth Town Board met with Ayres Engineer Mark Peterson on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Garage. The meeting notice had been posted on October 11th. In attendance were Chair Roger Billeter, Supervisor Gordon Borner, Clerk Beastrom, and maintenance Don Jakes.

480TH AVE
ROAD
CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Peterson reviewed the construction plans for 480th Avenue. Coming off 530th Street, the blacktop will be pulverized on the first part of 480th Avenue. The next section of road will have additional base and 3 inches of pavement to meet the El Paso road. Will use existing pipes and extend each side.

REVIEW
CONSTRUCTION
PLANS

Maintenance had spoken with Donald Johnson, Fire number W5214, and he would like to see three feet cut off the knob of the hill to the east as he can’t see traffic when coming out of his driveway.

CUT HILL

Mark Peterson will make the adjustments. He believes the project can be let around December 15th and will be published perhaps the 30th of November and 7th of December. He believes with the changes the cost will be in the vicinity of \$350,000, perhaps more.

PUBLISHING
AND LET
DATE

Maintenance has spoken with the land owners for 480th Avenue Reconstruction and it appears they have given their permission for the project, but the town will get the right of way easement from each of them.

R/W
EASEMENTS

Phyllis Beastrom
Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.
at the Town Hall
W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth**

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **Move into closed session per Wi Stats 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee compensation**
- **Move back into open session at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Meet with Christopher Holtkamp regarding updating the town's comprehensive plan**
- **Possible action to approve hiring Christopher Holtkamp as consultant for the town's comprehensive plan**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **610th Ave cost sharing update**
- **Other roadwork**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **action on Part time maintenance position**
- **action on assessor contract Jan 2023-Dec 2025**
- **ambulance committee report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **discussion on transfer station refuse hauling**
- **update on purchase of town hall monitor**
- **update on purchase of vault for town hall/shop**
- **discussion on establishing Code of Ethics Ordinance and Procurement Policy**
- **approve bills**
- **preliminary 2023 budget planning**
- **public comment**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk Posted 09/21/2022 updated 9/27/2022

Any agenda changes will be posted at the town hall

The Ellsworth Town Board met Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted August 24, 2022 (updated on August 26th) at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny's Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer. Meeting notice was published in the August 31st issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beaström) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Also in attendance were George Grajkowski and Tim Lorenz.

**SEPTEMBER
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The minutes of the August meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MSC to accept the minutes.

MINUTES

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 52,239.40; LGIP General \$320,103.79; LGIP Machinery \$14,842.40; CCF Money Market \$142,109.28; and cash on hand \$25.00. Clerk reported in August the town received August tax settlement of \$144,972.41.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 - 80 T of grader overlay had been applied to various roads in the town; 2 - applied 14 T of patching with the loader; 3- have been hand patching and 4 - the tractor and mower are ready for mowing.

**ROAD
WORK**

Scott Construction seal coated 650th Street from 610th Ave North to County Rd N (town of Martell responsible for their share of road from town line to Cty Rd N).

The board signed three cost sharing forms for 610th Avenue - two culverts were replaced and are eligible for cost sharing but it is considered three projects. The forms will be completed when the town receives and pays the invoices.

**610th AVE
CULVERT
COST SHARING**

No word from Ayres Engineer Mark Peterson regarding 480th Avenue.

480th AVE

A large tree came down in storm at intersection of 450th Avenue and 710th Street on David Schroeder property and is hung up in other trees. It must be taken down before it causes further damage.

**TREE
REMOVAL
DUE TO
STORM
DAMAGE**

MSC that Huppert Transport be authorized to remove all necessary trees to get this tree down, at a cost not to exceed \$2000 and the trees and brush will be hauled by the town truck to town property on 530th Street.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Clerk inquired what tree Greg Peterson had cleared on Saturday August 27th and it was on 450th Avenue on Ken Gregg property.

No driveway applications.

DRIVEWAY

MSC the town sign the agreement with Pierce County regarding the Commercial Driver's License Drug/Alcohol Testing program where we agree to pay Pierce County an annual participation fee of \$35 per participant and any NEW participant will pay \$55 for the first year.

**CDL TESTING
PROGRAM**

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The Board set Saturday, September 10 th at 7 a.m. for town road tour.	ROAD TOUR
The town received one applicant for the part time maintenance position. The board will interview at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12 th . Clerk will contact the applicant to confirm that date and time is okay. Tim Lorenz said he would work if needed.	PART TIME POSITION
No operator licenses to act on this month.	OP LICENSE
Waste Management has increased its monthly fee for the 8 yd dumpster at the dump site to \$323.91. Clerk obtained monthly fee of \$310.75 from GFL. MSC the town move to GFL for refuse removal. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)	
MSC the town purchase a wall monitor for purposes of projection. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).	WALL MONITOR
Both parcels, the town garage and the land across the road owned by the town is zoned industrial per village ETZ map. Town will proceed with changing the zoning in the future. Discussion continued on a vault/safe to store town minute books, new checks, data backups, absentee ballots until election day when they are transported to the county clerk. Supervisor Ristow will check for sizes, prices, availability.	TOWN HALL/ SHOP DISCUSSION
The following bills were reviewed for payment: Auto Value \$53.68 (parts, supplies); Alcivia \$254.56 (gasoline); the Journal \$107.45 (maintenance position ad and meeting notice); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessing fee); Pierce County Clerk \$38.15 (August primary election expenses); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$94.00 (electricity); Pierce County Highway \$22.79 (general expenses) and \$487.04 (culvert cost sharing); Waltz Ace Hardware \$34.46 (parts) and Rural Mutual \$9159.00 (town insurance \$5298 and Workmen's Comp \$3861.00; and Waste Management for month of September \$323.91. MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)	BILLS
Correspondence included: 1 – August 15, 2022 Dept of Revenue equalization report; 2- received DNR license for burning brush at dump; 3 – ETZ hearing tomorrow at Village Hall at 5:30 for Ken Schingledecker land division and Scott Forsman pole shed. 4 - No permits used by the county or All Croix Inspections in August.	CORRES- PONDENCE
No animal issues.	ANIMALS
Next meeting will be Monday, October 3 at 6:45 p.m. beginning with closed session to discuss employee compensation. At 7 p.m. Christopher Holtkamp will meet with board to discuss updating the town Comprehensive Plan.	NEXT MTG
MSC to adjourn (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)	ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
TUESDAY, September 6, 2022
at the Town Hall
W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth**

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **complete 610th Ave cost sharing forms**
- **Other roadwork**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **CDL testing program agreement with Pierce Cty**
- **Part time maintenance applications**
- **ambulance committee report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **take action on transfer station refuse hauling**
- **take action on purchase of town hall monitor**
- **hall/shop discussion & discussion to purchase vault**
- **approve bills**
- **preliminary 2023 budget planning**
- **public comment**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted July 22, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer, Meeting notice was published in the July 28th issue of the Pierce County Journal. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Clerk Beastrom and Maintenance Don Jakes. Also in attendance were George Grajkowski and Tim Lorenz.

**AUGUST
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The minutes of the July meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MSC to accept the minutes.

MINUTES

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 25,779.73; LGIP General \$320,103.79; LGIP Machinery \$14,842.40; CCF Money Market \$ 47,012.01; and cash on hand \$25.00. Clerk reported in July the town received \$30,751.07 in Transportation Aid; \$6,342.42 in Shared Revenue, \$481.18 in Exempt Computer aid and \$6,072.64 in Fire Insurance Dues. Around August 20th the town will receive tax settlement from Pierce County in amount of \$144,972.41.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 - have been patching; 2 – finished spraying; 3 – Simanski Metals hauled the steel at the dump; 4 – mowing; 5 – Scott Construction plans to chipseal and crackfill around August 15th.

**ROAD
WORK**

Fahrner’s applied GSB88 sealant to 450th Ave west of 710th Street; 610th Avenue constructed in 2021 by Wayne Langer’s; and 530th St by Mark Erlandson.

Pierce County Highway completed the work on the 610th Avenue bridge with riprap and concrete slurry. Two culverts were also replaced, and should be eligible for cost sharing.

**610th AVE
BRIDGE**

MSC to apply for cost sharing with Pierce County on the two 36” culverts (composed of four 26’ lengths and 4 end walls).

**CULVERT
COST SHARING**

Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.

Clerk had contacted Mark Peterson at Ayres regarding 480th Avenue. The wetlands delineation was completed in June and there are no wetlands along the project. He will soon contact Chair Billeter to discuss this road project.

480TH AVE

Greg Peterson’s last day as part time maintenance will be August 31st. Clerk will place ad in Pierce County Journal. Supervisor Ristow will post the position on Facebook. Ellsworth/Red Wing job board, Ellsworth Happenings, and River Falls jobs.

**PART TIME
POSITION
OPENING**

No driveway applications.

DRIVEWAY

George Grajkowski commented the increased town tax for the formerly proposed town hall-shop is excessive and suggested the town build a modest building for record keeping and make the current shop more functional. He also asked for public comment to be placed at the end of the meeting.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Supervisor Ristow reported that minor repairs are being made to the ambulance building. The town can expect the annual operating assessment for the town to increase by 2%. The Ambulance association is currently having a raffle fund raiser.

AMBULANCE
REPORT

MSC to issue operator license to Robin Kunkel.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).

OPERATOR
LICENSE

Supervisor Ristow highly recommends the town purchase a monitor to put on the wall for presenting information to board and attendees. He asked to have it on the September meeting for action.

WALL
MONITOR

Clerk had inquired of Jodi Nelson at Ayres as to square footage of town hall if built as stand alone structure and she replied an additional 2000 square feet for furnace, water heater, etc. Total estimate for site preparation, well, septic and building would be \$929,246 and shop estimate built separately would be \$1,060,474 both projections based on 2022 construction costs).

TOWN HALL/
SHOP
DISCUSSION

Supervisor Ristow believes we need to continue looking forward.

Gordon Borner moved the town end discussion on a town hall/shop at this point in time. Motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Borner asked if clerk would like an office in Village if town found something to rent. Clerk replied she would continue to work at home.

The board discussed getting a gun safe for securing documents and ballots.

Chair asked board to come back with more suggestions in September.

The following bills were reviewed for payment: All Croix Inspections \$661.50 (pole sheds for Jordan Kurtz and Brock Schulte); ALCIVIA \$68.55 (gas); Cardmember Services \$23.83 (Kinne Sport & Power - repair kit for pole saw); CNA Surety \$275.00 (bonds for clerk and treasurer); Ellsworth Fire Services \$6072.64 (fire insurance dues) Fabick/Cat \$1580.97 (grader repair); John Deere Financial \$221.70 (coupler socket); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessing fee); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$94.00 (electricity); Pierce County Highway \$2,305.46 (bridge decks, signs); Waltz Ace Hardware \$28.12 (parts).

BILLS

MSC to pay bills.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Correspondence included: 1 – All Croix Inspections –Building permits for Jordan Kurtz and Brock Schulte pole sheds; 2 – Pierce County land use permits: Nathan Sears (2 grain bins & tower leg) and Jordan Kurtz (pole shed); 3 –county unit meeting will be Thursday evening August 4 at Rock Elm; 4 – CSM for Ed Rohl in SW ¼ of NW ¼ Section 26 east of Cty Rd DD.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

No animal issues.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MTG

MSC to adjourn

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, August 1, 2022
at the Town Hall
W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth**

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **update 610th Ave bridge**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **Other roadwork**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **ambulance committee report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **purchase town hall monitor**
- **proceed with discussion on building town hall/shop**
- **approve bills**
- **preliminary 2023 budget planning**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted June 23, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny's Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer, amended notice at town hall June 30th. Meeting notice was sent to the Pierce County Journal on June 22nd but it did not get published. All town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastro) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Also in attendance were George Grajkowski and Tim Lorenz.

**JULY
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.
The minutes of the June meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.
MSC to accept the minutes.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

**CALL TO
ORDER

MINUTES**

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 17,124.76; LGIP General \$276,767.82; LGIP Machinery \$14,830.48; CCF Money Market \$ 171,952.22; and cash on hand \$25.00. The town received the second ARPA payment in the amount of \$62,277.79 and it is included in the LGIP General account. Clerk reported the 3rd quarter Transportation Aid payment of \$30,751.07 was deposited in the LGIP account July 5th but is not reflected in these balances.
MSC to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Maintenance reported: 1 - have been patching; 2 – dust settler was applied; 3 – mowing of first round is half done; 4 – Greg is almost done shouldering the paved roads; 5 – hauled fill from Wisconsin Ag to 450th Avenue sunken area east of Barry Foy's and on the south side of the road. This deep washout was originally repaired in January 2021 and now needed more fill. 6 – removed silt fence on 610th Avenue left from construction project; 7 -hauling steel from transfer station and cleaning the grounds.

**ROAD
WORK**

Chair reported the water has quit running and area under 610th Avenue Bridge is relatively dry. Chair has contacted the county to see if the work can be done soon.

**610th AVE
BRIDGE**

No word regarding the 480th Avenue road project.

480TH AVE

ALCIVIA propane contract for Sept 2022-April 2023 is \$2.079 and River Country is \$2.15 per gallon. We also have a \$100 energy credit certificate at ALCIVIA. Maintenance reported ALCIVIA recently put a monitor on the propane tank as well. MSC to contract 2510 gallons propane with ALCIVIA for one year at \$2.079 gallon – total cost \$5218.29 less \$100 energy credit.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

**PROPANE
CONTRACT**

Clerk had contacted Chippewa Valley Energy regarding the diesel contract they sent in June and they will still honor that price of \$4.152 for April -November 2023. River Country fall price is \$4.61.
MSC to contract 3000 gallons diesel fuel with Chippewa Valley Energy for April-November 2023 at \$4.152.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

**DIESEL
CONTRACT**

<p>Carrie and Jim Larson appeared before the board regarding a Conditional Use Permit for the greenhouse on their property at N6405 U S Highway 63. They currently own 17 acres in the NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 3, surrounded by agriculture. Carrie stated she started the small greenhouse as a potential retirement project. They have ample room for cars and parking. She purchases plants and they mature in the greenhouse which is heated with propane and water is hosed from the house. She's open 6 weeks in the spring for selling potted containers and plants. Pierce County Land Management proposes a nursery use for her property so she could expand her business in the future. The conditional use permit will permit the nursery business, the greenhouse structure, and signs to be placed on her property (removed from DOT R/W). MSC to approve conditional use permit for Carrie and Jim Larson for the greenhouse-nursery business on their property. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)</p>	<p>CARRIE & JIM LARSON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GREENHOUSE NURSERY</p>
<p>No driveway applications.</p>	<p>DRIVEWAY</p>
<p>Per WI statutes, towns are to review and update their comprehensive plan at least once every ten years. Clerk had e-mailed the town's current comprehensive plan to Christopher Holtkamp, assistant professor of conservation and environmental planning at UW-RF. He is not able to meet with the board until probably September to discuss this project.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>No ambulance report this month but a meeting is being scheduled for July.</p>	<p>AMBULANCE</p>
<p>No provisional or operator licenses.</p>	<p>OPERATOR LIC</p>
<p>Clerk was instructed to put the town hall/shop discussion on the agenda again for August. The board feels the cost for the building will continue to increase, especially if it is built in two phases over 5 years. Clerk will contact Jodi Nelson at Ayres to obtain cost estimate for town hall alone as the size has to increase to include heating, water heater, etc since they were to be housed in the upper level of the town shop and the majority of the site work for the whole project needs to be done for the town hall project.</p>	<p>TOWN HALL/ SHOP DISCUSSION</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: All Croix Inspections \$1284.10 (Sheldon Huppert dwelling); Ellsworth Parts City \$2.79 (parts); Luhmann Construction \$1177.00 (dust settler); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessing fee); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$84.00 (electricity); Pierce County Highway \$13,443.20 (patching materials); Pierce County Treasurer \$35.88 (20% MFL aid Waltz Ace Hardware \$67.93 (parts); Waste Management \$290.50 (refuse hauling). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	<p>BILLS</p>
<p>The ARPA payment of \$62,277.79 for broadband installation will be distributed to Pierce Pepin Electric Cooperative per contract dated July 12, 2021.</p>	
<p>Correspondence included: 1 –All Croix Inspections – new dwelling permit for Sheldon Huppert (which includes \$1500 damage bond); 2 – notice that because of July 4th holiday, Waste Management pickup may be a day later. 3 –notice that PIG for garbage and recycling pickup has been bought by GFE (Green for Life).</p>	<p>CORRES- PONDENCE</p>

No animal issues. Clerk asked is chair had issued any fireworks permits, and no one obtained permits this year.

ANIMALS &
FIREWORKS

Next meeting will be Monday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MTG

MSC to adjourn (8:15 p.m.)
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Ellsworth Town Board will meet

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **propane & diesel contracts**
- **Other roadwork**
- **7:30 Conditional use permit for Carrie Larson greenhouse (nursery)**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **ambulance committee report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **any further discussion on town hall/shop**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted May 23, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer, reposted at town hall May 31st and published in the June 1st issue of the Pierce County Journal. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisor Ristow, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastrom and Maintenance Don Jakes. Also in attendance was Tim Lorenz.</p>	<p>JUNE BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May 2nd board meeting and the Special Town Meeting held May 9th had been distributed prior to meeting and were available at the meeting. MSC to accept the May board minutes. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter) MSC to accept the minutes of the Special Town meeting. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER MINUTES</p>
<p>The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 34,533.05; LGIP General \$212,688.81; LGIP Machinery \$14,822.70; CCF Money Market \$ 171,376.73; and cash on hand \$25.00. MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Maintenance reported: 1 - have been patching; 2 – applied 5 loads of grader overlay; 3 – applied 14 loads of patching; 4 – tractor is out of storage and will start mowing first round; 5 – have been shouldering. 6 – Designs by Jill will apply sign on pickup truck.</p>	<p>ROAD WORK</p>
<p>When creek dries up, county will repair the 610th Avenue Bridge. Need to riprap under the bridge and possibly pour concrete floor.</p>	<p>610th AVE BRIDGE</p>
<p>Chair Billeter will contact Mark Peterson of Ayres regarding 480th Avenue road project.</p>	<p>480TH AVE RD PROJECT LRIP FUNDS</p>
<p>Scott Construction approached the town regarding chip sealing 650th Street from town line south to 610th Ave at cost of \$29,805. For the Town of Martell, Scott Construction will be chip sealing the north end of 650th Street.</p>	<p>CHIP SEAL 650TH AVE TOWN LINE TO 610TH AVE</p>
<p>MSC to move forward with chip sealing 650th Street from town line to 610th Avenue. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)</p>	
<p>The bridge inspection reports were mailed to the clerk. Maintenance is reviewing the reports to see what needs to be done for the bridges. He will give the reports to Chair when finished.</p>	<p>BRIDGE INSPECTIONS</p>
<p>David Momchilovich has been with River Country Propane for 9 years. He wants the Town to know that River Country is a competitive, local company with distribution in two locations in Pierce County, that they offer free monitoring service for propane and diesel tanks, and they would like to provide us with propane and diesel contracts. Propane contract right now is \$2.15 per gallon – must be postmarked by June 30th. The clerk informed him the town has a diesel contract originally signed with</p>	<p>RIVER COUNTRY PROPANE</p>

Binkowski and assigned to Chippewa Valley Energy that is in effect to November 2022. He did not give us diesel contract prices at the meeting. (He dropped off diesel contracts with clerk on June 8th: \$4.25 was the spring contract price and fall contract price is \$4.61 and suggested when town is ready to contract to notify him and he will quote a price).

Carrie Larson was not able to come to this meeting regarding Conditional Use Permit for her greenhouse so will be tabled to July meeting.

CARRIE
LARSON CUP

No driveway applications.

DRIVEWAY

See Town Hall/shop discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No ambulance report this month.

AMBULANCE

MSC to grant the following Class “B” Malt Beverage and “Class B” Liquor Licenses for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, each for the described premises on their application: 1 – Ellsworth Country Club Inc, Kasey Christopherson, Agent; 2 – Kelly Pruitt Inc, Shane Pruitt agent dba Shady Grove, 3 – 715 Investments dba 715 Steer and Beer, Joshua Rhy, agent, and 4 – Kenneth Lashley dba Kenny’s Lawton Bar.

CLASS “B” MALT
BEVERAGE &
“CLASS B”
LIQUOR LICENSES

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

MSC to grant Cigarette License to Kenneth Lashley dba Kenny’s Lawton Bar for Over the Counter Distribution.

CIGARETTE
LICENSE

(Motion by Roger Billeter, seconded by Brad Ristow)

MSC to issue operator licenses to all that have complied with complete application and responsible beverage training certificate on file:

OPERATOR
LICENSES

Sheryl Hirman, Emma Gehring, Kristine Neimy (Shady Grove); Brienna Davis, Brady DeGross, Ashley Jensen, Carissa Kirchner, Tiffany Richie (Ellsworth Country Club); Amanda Block, Tracie Buelow, Lisa Shonkweiler, Debra Zimmerman (Kenny’s Lawton Bar); Caitlin Brendum, Abbie Flynn, David Gooselaw, Nicole Hoverman, Billie Huppert, Savanna Kenall, Carissa Kirchner, Cassidy Quinton, Melissa Ryden, Amanda Weber and Paul Wilson (715 Steer and Beer).

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

Clerk had contacted DNR regarding former dump site and has the phone number to get more information from the individual responsible for closed landfill sites.

TOWN HALL/SHOP
DISCUSSION

Tim Lorenz commented the town needs to come up with an alternative plan for financing the town hall/shop other than placing the burden on the tax bill - by possibly not purchasing crushed rock each year or cutting road projects in order to save dollars for the construction project and by having maintenance do some of the work such as preliminary site work, fencing, tree planting, etc.

Chair replied that the town had discussed having maintenance do the fencing and perhaps having another organization do the landscaping, but that minimal amount would not have made a difference to the proposed cost.

The following bills were reviewed for payment: 4 Control \$799.50 (weed spray); Alcivia \$363.39 (gasoline); Ellsworth Parts City \$116.97 (parts); All Croix Inspections \$1756.70 (inspections for Robert Mercord and Paul McMillan); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessing fee); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$92.00 (electricity); Waltz Ace Hardware \$107.55 (parts); Wisconsin DNR \$165 (burn permit); Pierce County Highway \$433.72 (salt sand); The Journal \$91.55 (publishing); and Waste Management \$290.50 (refuse hauling).

BILLS

MSC to pay bills.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Town had received a diesel fuel contract from Chippewa Valley Energy for the period April – November 2023 at cost of \$4.152 – contract to be returned by June 11, 2022.

CHIPPEWA
VALLEY ENERGY
PROPANE

MSC the chair be authorized to sign the lowest fuel contract.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Correspondence included: 1 –Pierce County Land use permits (Robert Mercord new dwelling; Paul McMillan 2 porches, Frank Thibault (septic); 2 – All Croix Inspection building permits for Paul McMillan and Robert Mercord (which includes \$1500 road bond); 3 – notice of School Board officers and members at large; 4 – Flint Hills safety information; 5 – letter from Jason Matthys Pierce County Administrator stating the county had \$3.6 million in lost revenue which leaves \$4.68 million of ARPA funds yet to be designated; 6- clerk added pick up truck to insurance – received new insurance cards for each vehicle; 7 – notice from Xcel Energy that maintenance of their transmission line this spring has been postponed to late fall; 8 – notice that Jessie Nadeau is logging in NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 6; 9 – notice that box culverts on Highway 65 by Shady Grove in the Town of Ellsworth will be replaced in 2025.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

No animal issues.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT
MEETING

MSC to adjourn (8:15 p.m.)

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, June 6, 2022
at the Town Hall
W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth**

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **610th Ave bridge/culvert replacement**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **consider chip sealing 650th St townline to 610th Ave**
- **Other roadwork**
- **7:30 David Momchilovich, River Country Propane, proposal for propane and diesel contracts**
- **Conditional use permit for Carrie Larson greenhouse**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **Ambulance report**
- **grant Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor licenses**
- **grant cigarette licenses**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **town hall/shop discussion**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Ellsworth was held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The purpose of the meeting was to ask the citizens of the Town of Ellsworth to approve building a town hall and shop. Wisconsin Statutes 60.10 addresses the powers of the town meeting and 60.10(2)(f) addresses Town buildings. A town meeting authorizes the town board to purchase, lease, or construct buildings for the use of the town....

**SPECIAL
TOWN
MEETING**

MAY 9, 2022

On April 4, 2022 at their board meeting the Board authorized to proceed with the town meeting. Notice was mailed to 420 residents in the Town of Ellsworth on April 20, 2022. The notice was published in the April 20th and May 4th issues of the Pierce County Journal and the notice was posted on April 22nd at the town hall, website, transfer station, Kenny's Lawton Bar, and 715 Steer and Beer.

RE:
BUILDING
TOWN HALL/
SHOP

There were 55 town residents in attendance. Clerk confirmed each person in attendance was an elector of the Town of Ellsworth. Each elector signed in and received a set of Rules for the meeting.

Chairman Billeter called the meeting to order.

Chair Billeter introduced Jodi Nelson from Ayres Associates who presented the proposed town hall and shop layout and location. Breakdown of costs are \$312,000 for town hall, \$525,000 for the town shop, \$325,000 for site work, and \$80,000 for utilities for a proposed total of construction costs \$1.55 million.

JODI
NELSON
AYRES
ASSOC.

Chair Billeter opened the floor for questions and discussion. It was asked if this is in the ETZ and yes the property is in the ETZ. Comments were presented by those in favor as well as opposed to the proposal. After an hour of discussion, motion made and seconded to close discussion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION
END
DISCUSSION

Clerk read the ballot to the group:

BALLOT

"The Ellsworth Town Board has proposed a town hall and shop be built on the 5 acre parcel that the town owns to the south of 490th Avenue (across the road from the current town shop). Vote for one option.

I authorize the Ellsworth Town Board to proceed with the proposal to build a town hall/town shop at an estimated cost of \$1.55 million.

No, I do not approve of the Town of Ellsworth proceeding with the current plan."

Ballots were distributed. Tellers were Audrey and Clair Severson, Tim Lorenz, Lisa Hines, Denise Hager, and Paula Chisholm.

BALLOT
RESULTS

Vote results:

23 I authorize the Ellsworth Town Board to proceed with the proposal to build a town hall/town shop at an estimated cost of \$1.55 million.

32 No, I do not approve of the Town of Ellsworth proceeding with the current plan.

The current proposal was defeated.

MSC to adjourn. Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Phyllis J Beaström, Clerk

ADJOURN

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special town meeting of the Town of Ellsworth, Pierce County, Wisconsin will be held in the town at the Ellsworth Town Shop, W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth, WI on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining approval from the town electors to construct a town hall/town shop building, per WI Statutes 60.10(2)(f) , said request for such meeting determined by the Ellsworth Town Board on April 4, 2022.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2022.

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

This notice was mailed to 420 residences in the Town of Ellsworth on April 20, 2022.

This notice is published in the April 21 and April 28 issues of the Pierce County Journal.

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted April 22, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer and published in the April 27th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastrom) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Also in attendance were Tim Lorenz and Jeff Plummer.

**MAY
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. Ayres Representative Jodi Nelson reviewed the layout of the proposed town hall/shop and proposed costs. The total cost for town hall/2 bay shop 1.26 million and town hall/3 bay shop 1.55 million. Comments were received from board and visitors. Concensus of the board that at the May 9 Town meeting presentation be on the proposed town hall and 3 bay shop.

**CALL TO
ORDER
DISCUSSION
ON PROPOSAL
FOR TOWN
MEETING**

The April minutes, annual meeting minutes, and Board of Review minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting. The April minutes were corrected to state that maintenance will be brushing the South side of 450th Avenue at the 710th Street intersection. MSC to accept the April minutes as corrected. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner) The annual meeting minutes were corrected to state the bridge on 610th Avenue between Dennis Owen and Terry Young needs replacing. These minutes will be forwarded to the 2023 annual meeting for approval.

MINUTES

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 27,000.19; LGIP General \$212,637.88; LGIP Machinery \$14,819.10; CCF Money Market \$ 201,310.31; and cash on hand \$25.00. MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Maintenance reported: 1 - the brushing had been completed on 450th Ave and intersection of 710th St; 2 – wings are off the grader and trucks; 3- road weight signs will be removed this week; 4 - 683rd Stop sign has been replaced. 5 – grader has been fixed; 6 – will be patching with grader overlay this week.

**ROAD
WORK**

On May 1st, the town purchased a 2009 Chevrolet ¾ T truck from Gary Huppert for \$15,000. Clerk will complete the vehicle registration and add vehicle to insurance. Chair reported the truck brakes will need work by fall but the motor is good; has hitch on the back.

**1982 USED
TRUCK
PURCHASED**

Maintenance will check with Designs by Jill for identification decal.

Chair reported the 610th Avenue bridge is structurally ok. Need to riprap under the bridge and pour concrete floor.

**610th AVE
BRIDGE**

Chair Billeter will contact Mark Peterson of Ayres regarding 480th Avenue road project – Chair hope to do this project yet this year. Town received the LRIP agreement for \$25,041.46 in LRIP funding for this project.

**480TH AVE
RD PROJECT
LRIP FUNDS**

<p>In preparation for the May 9th meeting, chair had contacted Pierce County for a cost estimate if the town hired the county for all road maintenance, snowplowing, etc. instead of building a new structure and having maintenance employees. If hire the county, the town has to appoint/hire one person as road supervisor/contact person for communicating with the county. Chair will retain the cost estimate.</p>	<p>OUTSOURCE ROAD MAINTENANCE</p>
<p>Maintenance had received two crack sealing bids for 710th Street from 450th Avenue to 490th Avenue. Fahrner bid \$10,710 and Scott Construction \$5,671. MSC to award the crack sealing to Scott Construction. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)</p>	<p>CRACK SEALING BIDS 710TH ST</p>
<p>MSC to approve driveway application for Ben Devine for Lot 2 of a CSM on east side of 530th Street in SW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 24. Driveway requires an 18 inch culvert. Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.</p>	<p>BEN DEVINE DRIVEWAY</p>
<p>Clerk reported that Christopher Holtkamp, Assistant Professor of Conservation and Environmental Planning at UW-River Falls is compiling the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Ellsworth and wondered if the Town should contact him about compiling the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. Clerk will contact him and perhaps send our current plan which expires in 2025.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>No ambulance report this month.</p>	<p>AMBULANCE</p>
<p>No operator license applications.</p>	<p>OP LICENSES</p>
<p>Chair appointed John Huber to the Planning Commission for the three year term 2022-2025.</p>	<p>JOHN HUBER PLAN COMM</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: Ace Hardware \$263.29 (grinder and misc parts); Auto Value \$479.97 (batteries); Helmer’s Printing \$249.04 (town meeting letter and envelopes); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessment fee); Pierce County Clerk \$46.78 (election expense); Pierce County Highway \$3,450.01 (salt sand); Pierce County Journal \$167.76 (notices for annual meeting, board meeting, and Board of Review); and Pierce Pepin Electric \$115.00 (electricity). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>BILLS</p>
<p>Clerk filed the first ARPA Project and Expenditure report on April 27, 2022 with the U.S. Treasury.</p>	<p>ARPA REPORT</p>
<p>Correspondence included: 1 –Town had received copy of CSM prepared for Jonathan Davis in the SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 24; 2- Ethel Pflingsten requested copy of assessor record for her property; 3 – request from Pierce County Land Management for ideas and suggestions for the Pierce County Outdoor Recreation Plan – submissions due by June 3, 2022; 4 – Pierce County land use permits for March: Sheldon & Janet Huppert dwelling with attached garage, sanitary permit and uniform address; sanitary permit for Robert and Sheryl Mercord; 5 – Pierce County unit meeting will be May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Town of El Paso; 6 – received Personal Property Aid in amount of \$1189.05.</p>	<p>CORRES- PONDENCE</p>

No animal issues.

ANIMALS

Board developed Rules for the May 9 meeting and wording for the ballot question.

Next meeting will be June 6, 2022 at 7 p.m. Agenda will include Class “B” Beer and “Class B” intoxicating liquor licenses and operator and provisional licenses.

NEXT
MEETING

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

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

at the Town Hall,

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **Discussion with Jodi Nelson from Ayres & Associates regarding town hall/shop presentation at May 9 meeting for town residents and electors**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **610th Ave bridge replacement**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **Other roadwork**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **Ambulance report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **appointment to Plan Commission, 3 year term**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **adjourn**

<p>The annual meeting for the Town of Ellsworth was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the town hall. The meeting notice had been previously published in the April 6th issue of the Pierce County Journal and posted March 12th at the town hall, website, transfer station, Kenny’s Lawton Bar, and 715 Steer and Beer. There were 6 town residents in attendance (Roger Billeter, Brad Ristow, Paula Chisholm, Phyllis Beastrom, Sheldon Huppert and Barry Foy).</p>	<p>2022 ANNUAL MEETING</p>
<p>Chairman Billeter called the meeting to order. Annual meeting minutes from 2021 were read by the clerk. MSC to approve the minutes. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Barry Foy).</p>	<p>MINUTES</p>
<p>Clerk distributed and reviewed the 2021 financial report and answered questions. MSC to approve the financial report as presented. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).</p>	<p>2021 FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Chairman Billeter reported that in 2021, the town: 1 - reconstructed 610th Ave from 650th St to 670th Street for total cost of \$342,272.39. This was a special LRIP project in which the town would be reimbursed for 70% of the construction costs, but we were actually reimbursed for 100% of the costs incurred after the date of the contract (\$314,356.50). The town received a \$400,000 loan to pay for the project and the reimbursement funds arrived December 31st; so the loan was paid off in January 2022. 2 – applied GSB88 on 710th Street and 450th Avenue to preserve the blacktop. 3 - The town replaced several culverts and will continue to do so as there are many that need replacing. The town also did the normal maintenance of patching, brushing, mowing, dust settler, etc.</p>	<p>2021 ROAD WORK</p>
<p>Chairman Billeter reported that in 2022 1 - the town had planned to reconstruct a portion of 480th Avenue but 2 - the bridge on 610th Avenue between Dennis Owen and Terry Young needs to be replaced. He plans to meet with Mark Peterson of Ayres Engineering soon regarding this bridge project. 3 - The bridge at Gary Nelson’s also needs to be dredged because of the sediment. 4 - The town has also contracted with Fahrner Asphalt for crack filling and applying GSB88 sealant to the newly blacktopped roads.</p>	<p>2022 ROAD WORK</p>
<p>From the American Recovery Act Program, the town has been allocated \$124,555.58. The town signed an agreement with Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services to expand broadband access and services to the underserved and unserved areas of our Town and to partner with them for the purpose of applying for grants for broadband expansion. The first ARPA payment in the amount of \$62,277.79 was given to Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services for broadband expansion.</p>	<p>ARPA FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR BROADBAND</p>
<p>The next annual meeting will be the third Tuesday of April, on April 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT ANNUAL MTG</p>
<p>Questions regarding the May 9th meeting with the electors regarding the proposed town hall/shop were raised. Statutes state that the electors have to</p>	<p>QUESTIONS</p>

approve the construction of any buildings. They do not have to approve how it will be funded.

There was no other business. MSC to adjourn.
(Motion by Barry Foy, seconded by Brad Ristow.)

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk

Minutes posted at Town Hall, transfer station, web site, Kenny's Lawton Bar,
and 715 Steer and Beer on April 27, 2022

POSTED

ANNUAL MEETING
for the Town of Ellsworth
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall
W6058 490th Avenue

Agenda:

- minutes of 2021 annual meeting
- 2021 financial report
- 2021 road work report
- 2022 proposed road work
- set 2023 annual meeting date
- discussion on business to come before the meeting
- adjourn

All town residents are invited to attend and participate in the annual meeting.

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted March 16, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer and published in the March 30th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastrom) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Also in attendance were Sheldon Huppert and Brian O’Connell.</p>	<p>APRIL BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. Discussion took place from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. on whether or not to proceed sending letter to town residents regarding construction of town hall/shop. Brian O’Connell and Clerk Beastrom had drafted a proposed letter for the residents stating the town has been meeting with a representative from Ayres and Associates to develop a Town Hall/shop site and design plan, that it is time to hear from the residents, and listed reasons as to the need for these buildings. The clerk had also drafted the notice that would be published twice as well as being included in the letter of the proposed meeting. MSC the town proceed with sending the letter to the town residents for a meeting on Monday, May 9th or May 16th, depending when our Ayres Representative Jodi Nelson is available and when Helmer’s Printing can have it printed. Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>LETTER TO TOWN RESIDENTS REGARDING MEETING TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION</p>
<p>The March minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting. MSC to approve the minutes as written. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow.)</p>	<p>MINUTES</p>
<p>The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 14,771.12; LGIP General \$181,861.88; LGIP Machinery \$14,817.05; CCF Money Market \$ 214,770.30; and cash on hand \$25.00. The clerk mentioned that the 2nd quarterly payment of \$30,751.07 in Transportation Funds should have been deposited today in the LGIP (balance above does not include it). MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Maintenance reported: 1 - the road weight signs have been posted; the sand pile is gone; 3 the cylinder for the grader was fixed at Hydraulic Component in Ellsworth; 4 – 710th Street from South Maple Street to 450th Avenue has 54 cracks that will need to be crackfilled this summer.</p> <p>Chair reported they have finished logging at Jens Loberg’s so the town can haul crushed rock to and fix up the gun range property.</p> <p>Maintenance will brush south side of 450th Ave at 710th St intersection.</p>	<p>ROAD WORK</p>
<p>Chair Billeter has not heard from Mark Peterson of Ayres regarding 480th Avenue road project.</p>	<p>480TH AVE RD PROJECT</p>
<p>Discussion on purchasing perhaps a good used pickup for errands and checking roads to reduce wear and tear on the maintenance trucks. MSC that if a good truck used truck is found, the chair is authorized to make purchase, not to exceed \$20,000.</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE \$20,000 FOR PURCHASE GOOD USED</p>

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)	PICKUP
Maintenance reported that Mid State International, Eau Claire, has trucks on order that the town could purchase to replace either the 2017 or the 2010 maintenance trucks. If we wait to order, it could be 3-4 years before trucks will be available. Board chose not to purchase a maintenance truck at this time.	TRUCKS AT MID-STATE INT EAU CLAIRE
No driveway applications to consider.	DRIVEWAY
No public comment.	PUBLIC COMMENT
No ambulance report this month.	AMBULANCE
Becky Beissel, Village Chair had called the clerk and thanked us for the letter requesting an informational ETZ meeting with the Village. She said they discussed bringing in someone to discuss ETZ, but no date has been set for the meeting. Clerk Beastrom sent them the many dates the town would not be available in April for a meeting.	ETZ UPDATE
Mike Koles spoke at the Pierce County Unit meeting held March 31 st at the Union Town Hall. He presented great information on BIL – the Bi Partisan Infrastructure Bill which is federal funding for roads and bridges for fiscal years 2023-2026. He stressed this is a great opportunity to replace bridges. He also gave some guidance on the ARPA report due April 30 th . If towns will be required to have ethics code and couple of other codes to meet the Federal procurement standards, WTA will hire someone to provide samples for the towns.	REPORT ON COUNTY UNIT MEETING
No operator license applications.	OP LICENSES
Tabled the appointment to the Planning Commission.	PLAN COMM
The following bills were reviewed for payment: B&B Repair Ben Hines \$196.00 to install serpentine belt; Hydraulic Component \$389.84 (repair loader cylinder); Owen Assessing \$1230.06 (1188.72 contract and \$41.34 postage reimbursement for notices); River States \$117.59 (belt); WTA \$1009.00 (dues); Phyllis Beastrom \$531.17 (payroll expenses and supplies). The following were purchased with the town credit card: Mid-America Research \$125 (glass cleaner) & Wieser Concrete – \$177 (cover & supplies for holding tank). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).	BILLS
The clerk filed the \$220,000 ARPA funds request with Pierce County requesting funds for installing six miles of broadband in the Town of Ellsworth along 710 th Street, 450 th Avenue, and 410 th Avenue.	PIERCE COUNTY ARPA FUNDS
Correspondence included: 1 – received certification for electrical inspection agency and have one more paper for chair to sign to be fully registered; 2 – 2021 annual report was distributed to board; the annual report was filed with the state March 14th; 3 – received notice of Highway 63 resurfacing to take place within 3 years.	CORRES- PONDENCE

No dog issues. Treasurer Chisholm mentioned many have not licensed their dogs. Chair requested a letter be sent to them along with the fines as outlined in the animal ordinance and statutes for not complying to license dogs.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be May 2nd and Jodi Nelson from Ayres and Associates plans to be with us at 7 p.m. Other dates in April: Annual meeting April 19th and Board of Review April 25th.

FUTURE
MEETINGS

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

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Ellsworth Town Board will meet

Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

at the Town Hall, W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **6:30 – 7:00 proposed town hall/shop open discussion to proceed or not, if so tax impact, and required notice to be sent to all property addresses in the town notifying of said meeting regarding construction of building**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **other roadwork**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **update on purchase of truck/box**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **ETZ update**
- **County unit meeting update**
- **Ambulance report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **appointment to Plan Commission, 3 year term**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **upcoming dates: Open book Apr 7, BOR Apr 25**
Annual meeting Apr 19 6 p.m., set next meeting date
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted on February 16, 2022 at the town hall, transfer station, website, Kenny's Lawton Bar and 715 Steer and Beer and published in the February 24th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beaström) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Also in attendance was Sheldon Huppert.

**MARCH
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

The February minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MSC to approve the minutes as written.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 19,947.92; LGIP General \$181,849.51; LGIP Machinery \$14,816.06; CCF Money Market \$ 275,115.68; and cash on hand \$25.00. The clerk distributed a summary of tax collections and the town had received \$323,860.36 of the town levy; town will receive in April \$15,670.43 in lottery credit and August settlement will be \$144,972.41. The treasurer had collected 66.84% of the 2021 tax roll.

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Maintenance reported: 1 - electrical issues with the 2010 truck and it was towed to Eau Claire for repair. 2 - The serpentine belt broke on the 2017 truck. The Town of Hartland had one on hand; Ben Hines came early one morning to replace it in order for maintenance to plow. 3 - Will take the grader cylinder to cylinder shop in Ellsworth to see if they can rebuild it - new one costs \$3169; 4 - weight signs are ready; will drive in posts this week; 5 - have been brushing; 6 - at end of plowing season, will compile list of maintenance and materials for that part of 480th Avenue in the Town of El Paso maintained by the Town of Ellsworth.

**ROAD
WORK**

Chair suggested the town start considering the purchase of a new truck to replace the 2010 truck. Maintenance will check with companies regarding timeline.

**CONSIDER
PURCHASE OF
TRUCK**

Clerk attended the zoom meeting regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Bill in which for the first time, town roads are eligible for funding. It is expected that there will be significant increase in federal funding for local roads and bridges for Federal Fiscal years Oct 1-Sept 30 2022 through 2026. Federal will pay up to 80% of the costs. Any projects submitted for 2022 cannot include engineering costs - a simple resurfacing project would be an acceptable project. To be considered for funding for any of these years, must apply by June 2, 2022.

**OTHER
ROADWORK
FEDERAL
FUNDING FOR
ROADS &
BRIDGES**

Luedtke Logging of Amery is logging four forties belonging to Prairie Sky LLC (Jens Loberg) and they do not have enough room to turn left onto 610th Ave to get to Highway 65 and the town does not want them traveling on the new blacktop on 610th Ave. Chair Billeter contacted the county and has permission for them to back into the gun range and turn around and then proceed west on 610th Avenue to Highway 65.

**LOGGING
TRUCKS
USING 610TH
AVENUE**

Supervisor Ristow inquired about the many narrow bridges in the town that are not inspected. How many do we have? How do we know when they need attention or need to be replaced?	BRIDGES
Mark Peterson of Ayres is proceeding with the 480 th Avenue project and will work on preliminary plans and timeline.	480 TH AVE RD PROJECT
Sheldon Huppert has requested to share the access to N4467 610 th St, current home and the proposed home to the west on a CSM lot. The town has no objections to sharing the current access as access to future home and to the outbuildings on this site. Clerk will notify Land Management by letter of this decision.	DRIVEWAYS
No public comment.	PUBLIC COMMENT
No ambulance report this month.	AMBULANCE
Clerk distributed minutes of the ETZ meeting held on February 24, 2022 at the Ellsworth Town Hall between the Ellsworth and Trimble ETZ committee members. A letter will be sent to the Village requesting a joint informational meeting.	ETZ
The Geotechnical borings report from the American Engineering and Testing Inc of Chippewa Falls were given to the board.	TOWN HALL/ SHOP
The Ellsworth town board will meet April 4 from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. to discuss whether to proceed with the town hall/shop and if so, discuss the letter to be sent to the town residents regarding construction of the town hall/shop. Clerk will have estimated financial impact.	MEET APR 4 6:30-7:00 TO DISCUSS
No operator license applications.	OP LICENSES
The following bills were reviewed for payment: American Engineering and Testing \$ 7,500 (soil borings at proposed town hall/shop); Ellsworth Ambulance Service \$37,900.91 (yearly assessment); Chippewa Valley Energy \$949.51 (diesel). MSC to pay bills. (Motion Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).	BILLS
When Swift Current completes Broadband phases 1 and 2 in the Town of Ellsworth, 6 miles will be lacking broadband coverage. Concensus of the board the town submit a \$220,000 request to the Pierce County ARPA Adhoc Committee for installation of six miles of broadband along 710 th Street, 450 th Avenue, and 410 th Avenue.	PIERCE COUNTY ARPA FUNDS
Correspondence included: 1 – Luhman’s Construction Co. offering their dust settler services; 2 – information on the April 5 th ballot regarding the Ellsworth School District \$1.3 million referendum.	CORRES- PONDENCE
Chair Billeter is frustrated with people picking up dogs they find along the road and ask the town to take the animal. He asked the board for approval to tell people picking up these dogs “you keep the dog or take it back to where you found it” as in most instances, the dog is near its home and is not a stray dog.	ANIMALS

The assessor has given the clerk information regarding 2021 tax refunds and subsequent chargebacks to the state for inaccurate property valuations. These will be officially noted on the 2022 Board of Review records.

2021 TAX
REFUNDS

FUTURE DATES

April 7 Open Book with the assessor 6-8 p.m.
April 25 Board of Review 6-8 p.m.
April 19 Town Annual meeting 6 p.m.

FUTURE
DATES

Next meeting date was set for April 4, 2022 beginning at 6:30 to discuss town hall/shop building with regular meeting beginning at 7:00.

NEXT
MEETING

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 (note date)**

**at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall
W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth**

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **other roadwork**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **update on purchase of truck/box**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **ETZ discussion**
- **Ambulance report**
- **update Geotechnical Services proposed t/hall site**
- **update/discussion on proposed town hall/shop**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **discuss/action letter from county regarding ARPA**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **set hours for 4-25-22 BOR & BOR training reminder**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted on January 20, 2022 and updated on January 26th and February 2nd at the town hall, website, and the 715 Steer and Beer and published in the January 27, 2022 issue of the Pierce County Journal. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisor Ristow, Treasurer Chisholm, and Clerk Beaström. Brad Holmstrom was also present.

**FEBRUARY
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Todd Dolan from All Croix Inspections reviewed changes in the upcoming two year contract for inspection services. He believes our building ordinances are up to date. He discussed the option of the town enrolling with the Department of Safety and Professional Services for commercial electrical inspections. MSC the town accept the Agreement for Building Inspection Services from All Croix Inspections commencing March 1, 2022 and ending February 29, 2024. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

**ALL CROIX
INSPECTIONS**

MSC the town assume jurisdiction for electrical inspections with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, fee of \$55, and said inspections will be completed by All Croix Inspections. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

**COMMERCIAL
ELECTRICAL
INSPECTIONS**

The January minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MINUTES

MSC to approve the minutes.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

Angie and Dennis Skarman expressed concern that their house according to the Village of Ellsworth zoning is in the commercial zone and request that this be corrected as they didn't ask to be in that zone and they don't intend to pay the fee to have it rezoned. They were assured that the town agrees with them and that the map the village is using is a concept map. The Town plans to meet with the Town of Trimble to discuss ETZ issues and then take these concerns to the Village.

**ETZ
DENNIS
SKARMAN**

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$11,649.68; LGIP General \$181,849.51; LGIP Machinery \$14,816.06; CCF Money Market \$1,107,398.01; and cash on hand \$25.00. The town had received the first quarter Transportation Aid in the amount of \$30,751.07. The town will be distributing tax funds to the Ellsworth School, Chippewa Valley Technical College and the county Treasurer in mid February.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Maintenance was not present but the chair reported that during the past month maintenance had replaced stop signs, plowed snow and maintained the trucks.

**ROAD
WORK**

Estimates for a new pickup without fleet discount range \$43,000 to \$45,000. Charlie Kummer of Quinn Motors ordered a pickup which will not arrive until 2023 and we will get the discount if we decide we want the truck.

PICK-UP

Chair Billeter has been getting prices for the box – flatbed \$5000, with tool box \$6000. He will continue checking more places.

Concensus of board to continue with Pierce County Highway Department for bridge inspections.

BRIDGE
INSPECTIONS

In regard to last month’s inquiry, the Clerk researched minutes to see when the heating system was installed in the town shop; The Co-Ray Vac E240 heating system was installed in January 1991 by Nelson Electric for \$5150. Eaton Heating of Prescott had also submitted a bid.

TOWN SHOP
CO RAY VAC
HEATING SYSTEM

In regards to replacing the curve signs in the curve on 490th Street – Clerk did not find anything specific in the minutes as to who maintains 490th Street. The town had originally planned to blacktop all of 490th Avenue to the village line in 1997 but because of the proposed Southgate Development, they blacktopped 490th Ave from County Rd C to the LeRoy Johnson corner. In 1997 the village proposed 200 feet of curb and gutter along the south side of Ridge Road which was put in the 1998 town budget. In 1999 the town applied for cost sharing on the pipes from LeRoy Johnson’s corner to Eugene Beckler’s. In 2000, 490th St was blacktopped from LeRoy Johnson’s corner to the village line and town’s share was \$5,172.93. Clerk had a conversation with former chair Foy and he believes the town is responsible for the easterly and northerly side of 490th Street and the village is responsible for the road adjacent to the Southgate development.

490TH STREET
MAINTENANCE

Clerk had a discussion with Village Maintenance Bradley Vick, who had gone to the site to check the curve signs and he proposed that the town buy the posts, and the village will install the new posts and put the current curve signs on the posts. This proposal was agreeable with the town board. Clerk will notify Mr. Vick that the town will purchase the posts and deliver them to the village maintenance building.

George Grajkowski has agreed that the town can go on his land to add on to the culvert pipe and Jim Dressen has agreed to burning the brush at the construction site. The town will remove the fence and when construction is done and install the posts. Clerk will prepare the 480th Ave construction easements for the chair.

480TH AVE
ROAD
PROJECT

No driveway permit applications.

DRIVEWAYS

Brad Holmstrom asked about having reflectors along Highway 65 and 610th Avenue so 610th Avenue would be more visible at night. Chair will check with Al Thoner at Pierce County to see if this is possible.

PUBLIC
COMMENT
HWY 65-610th AVE

Supervisor Ristow reported employees were leaving the Ambulance service and going elsewhere where they received more pay. The operating committee made changes to the pay scale and insurance, and the ambulance service now has full staffing. The ambulance service is also providing more transports which helps with funding. The operating committee will look at replacing one of the ambulances soon.

AMBULANCE
REPORT

The American Engineering and Testing Inc of Chippewa Falls completed the geotechnical services at the proposed town hall/shop site Wednesday and Thursday February 2nd and 3rd.

TOWN HALL/
SHOP

The board set April 25th for the 2022 Board of Review. The chair and clerk will attend the District meeting on March 5th in Eau Claire for Board of Review training. Supervisor Ristow will watch a recording for Board of Review training. Clerk will send in registrations.

2022 BOARD
OF REVIEW
TRAINING

No operator license applications.

OP LICENSES

The following bills were reviewed for payment: Ayres & Associates \$ 6,585.00 (480th Ave engineering thru January 22nd); Ellsworth Fire Services \$37,844 (yearly assessment); The Journal \$17.13 (publishing February meeting); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessing fee); Pierce County Highway \$33,528.18 (crushed rock and salt sand); MARC Mid American Research Chemical \$195.28 (penetrating oil – paid by credit card); Waste Management \$290.50 (refuse hauling); and Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$115.00 (electricity).

BILLS

MSC to pay bills.

(Motion Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Note: Clerk had notified Waste Management about holiday closures and established every other week pick up dates but when billing didn't change for February, contacted them again and there was no record of every other pick up in their records.

Correspondence included: 1 – Pierce County land use permits for Nathan Sears (septic at N4245 490th St) and new address for Robert and Sheryl Mercord. 2 – from DNR, notice of name change on MFL lands to Rick and Donna Hageman Living Trust; 3 – Chippewa Valley Technical college is looking for nominations for appointments to their board; 4 – The town's official census for 2020 is 1121. The clerk is reviewing census data as it appears the town has lost population since the 2010 census. This will affect our funding. 5 – the "no injury" report for 2021 employees has been reported to the state; 6 – town received the fire department's annual report; 7 – Chair asked the clerk to report to the highway department that both maintenance men would be attending the county safety meeting on April 29th. 8 – letter from Nate Boettcher from Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services thanking us for partnering with them and supporting Broadband. They have made good progress on Phase 1 and Phase 2 is in the works.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

2020 CENSUS

2021 NO INJURY
REPORT

SAFETY MTG

BROADBAND

The town received a letter from Pierce County Administrator Jason Matthys notifying that the county will receive \$8.3 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and is asking for input for eligible projects to be considered by the county. Supervisor Ristow suggested the town submit a request for more broadband funding in the Town of Ellsworth in the areas SwiftCurrent through Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services will not be reaching.

PIERCE
COUNTY
ARPA
FUNDS

No animal issues.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MSC to adjourn.

ADJOURN

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

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Monday, February 7, 2022

at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **Todd Dolan will review building inspection contract and address any other ordinances or documents we should have**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **discuss purchase of pickup**
- **other roadwork – bridge inspections; 490th St signs**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **ETZ discussion**
- **Ambulance report**
- **district meetings – Board of Review training**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **update Geotechnical Services at proposed t/hall site**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted on December 21, 2021 at the town hall, website, and the 715 Steer and Beer and published in the December 30, 2021 issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Chisholm, Clerk Beastrom), and maintenance Don Jakes were present.</p>	<p>JANUARY BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Chair Billeter called the meeting to order. The December minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting. MSC to approve the minutes. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER MINUTES</p>
<p>The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$22,788.27; LGIP General \$151,080.41; LGIP Machinery \$14,814.46; CCF Money Market \$1,169,439.47; and cash on hand \$25.00. The Money Market funds are \$136,004.94 town funds; \$719,078.03 December tax payments, and \$314,356.50 LRIP funds from WI DOT for 610th Avenue. MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Maintenance Don Jakes reported: 1 – mowing tractor is in east side of shop and the mower is outside covered with a tarp; 2 – Pierce County hauled more rock for the stock pile; 3 – furnace wasn't working one day last week – called Matt's Electric – discovered out of propane. 4 – Don commented that Broadband needs to be more visible or it may get damaged from mowing. Supervisor Ristow asked for a list of the locations so they can be checked. Board asked maintenance to get fleet information for purchasing a pickup.</p>	<p>ROAD WORK</p>
<p>The 610th Avenue road project payment arrived from WI DOT on December 31st and treasurer deposited it that same day. The Town received \$314,356.50 which is 90% reimbursement of costs.</p>	<p>610th AVE ROAD PROJECT & PAY LOAN</p>
<p>MSC the town pay the full loan amount of \$400,000 plus interest. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	
<p>Conversations with George Grajkowski regarding culvert in steep area and Jim Dressen, burning brush at construction site rather than hauling to transfer station have not taken place. The plan is to grind the existing blacktop and resurface to 530th St.</p>	<p>480TH AVE</p>
<p>No driveway permit applications.</p>	<p>DRIVEWAYS</p>
<p>Matthew Olson discussed the tax bill he had just received. He did not respond to the card the assessor left so the assessor did not view the inside of the house. He was given the assessor's number.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>The values for the three properties that were appealed to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue were sustained. The clerk had just received the certified letters with the</p>	<p>BOARD OF REVIEW APPEALS</p>

decision for Lina Paffel, Brian and Elizabeth Beach, and Randi Kirchner and Kathryn Mazac.

No Operator License applications.

OP LICENSES

The Geotechnical Services from American Engineering and Testing Inc of Chippewa Falls at the proposed town hall/shop site is scheduled for the last week of January. The clerk had a conversation with Don Acker and they will plant around the town property in 2022 unless we specially call and request them to plant it.

TOWN HALL/
SHOP

The following bills were reviewed for payment: Ayres & Associates \$ 2200 (balance due for survey and topographical survey); Brush Crushers II Inc \$125 (removed down tree on 650th St South of Cty N which had been reported by Town of Martell); Ellsworth Auto value \$58.34 (parts); Pierce County Highway \$3,566.13 (culverts); Pierce County Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium \$25.00 (Don Jakes 2022 enrollment); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$104 (electricity); Rural Mutual \$1356.00 (addition premium for increase in payroll as result of audit); The Journal \$1.27 (publishing); Owen Assessing \$1188.72 (monthly assessment fee); Waltz Hardware \$129.99 (tarp).

BILLS

MSC to pay bills.

(Motion Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

Correspondence included: 1 – contract for All Croix Inspections. Board decided to invite Todd Dolan to next meeting to review contract and discuss inspecting Commercial Electric and any ordinance changes the town should make 2 – MFL Woodland entries for 2022 include: David Bunch 44 A for 25 years; Bruce Schumaker 14 A for 50 years; Jessie Nadeau 41 acres for 25 years and Micheal Juen 28 acres for 25 years.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

Supervisor Ristow commented that he wants to see the town meet with the Town of Trimble regarding ETZ.

ETZ

Jean VanderMarliere reported cattle were at their place Sunday morning December 12th . Treasurer Chisholm made some contacts and Darren Pieper was notified. Dean Wiesender reported last week their cattle were missing but Chair assumes they found them as he had not heard any more from them.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be February 7th at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MSC to adjourn.

ADJOURN

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

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

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Monday, January 3, 2022

at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **other roadwork**
- **update 610th Ave payment**
- **update 480th Ave road project**
- **review and approve driveway applications**
- **public comment**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **update on Geotechnical Services at proposed town hall/shop site**
- **update on rent of town land**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**