

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7 p.m.at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted November 21st at the town hall, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and published in the November 29th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Hines, Clerk Beastrom) were present as well as Maintenance Don Jakes and town residents Adam Johnson, Barry Foy, Tim Lorenz, George Grajkowski and Denny Dodge.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

MSC to accept the minutes.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Clerk presented the financial report: Checking \$8,921.34; LGIP general \$69,470.63; LGIP Machinery \$120,310.55; LGIP Town Hall \$104,625.12; cash on hand \$25; Money Market \$5,096.90. Clerk also reported that \$40,000 had been transferred from LGIP that day in order to pay this month’s bills. Mark Servi who is completing the TRIP form for our reimbursement requested more information and clerk submitted it to him. Hopefully payment will arrive before the end of the year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Jakes, maintenance reported: 1 - Mowing tractor is back and Charlie will continue mowing as weather permits 2 – have been patching and brushing; 3 – winter equipment is on the trucks.

ROAD WORK

He also reported there are around 200 garbage bags remaining so clerk will order more.

Have not heard anything about 490th Ave application to WIS DOT. The county CTRIC committee meets in December.

490th AVE ROAD PROJECT

Decision regarding overlay or seal coat for 490th Ave east of Highway 10 to County Rd DD tabled to January as had not received any updated information. Chair and maintenance will obtain more information for January meeting.

TABLE 490TH AVE OVERLAY

Chair Billeter appointed the following as election inspectors for 2024-2025: Chief Inspectors: Audrey Severson, Pat Mory, Christina Ricke.

APPOINT 2024-2025 ELECTION WORKERS

Republican party nominees: Linda Wicklund, Carrie Larson, JoAnn Place (who lives in Town of El Paso)

Non affiliated appointments: Denise Hager, Cindy Baird, Kathy Flanigan, Myrna Wakefield, Lisa Hines, Dawn Schulte, Kathy Young, Sharon Seibel, Julie Borner, Lori Schroeder, Mary O’Neil, Kendra Holdorf, Sherri Fox, Greg Polivka, Darla Fischer, Myrna Buri, Belinda Foley, Sharon Peterson, Carron Parmeter, Jeanette Wright, Linda Lundstrom, Phyllis Beastrom, alternate chief election inspector.

(Note: JoAnn Place nominated by Republican Party lives in Town of El Paso and per state law, the town has to appoint all nominees submitted by the party). Clerk had spoken with Town of El Paso clerk and suggested she talk to JoAnn Place since she has indicated interest in working elections.

<p>Special Town meeting of the electors was held November 29, 2023. There were 121 residents registered for the meeting and 118 voted. Vote results: 51 yes and 67 no - the building project was defeated.</p>	<p>REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING</p>
<p>The board discussed storage of the town records and election equipment. MSC the town pay the clerk \$300 a month for storing the town records and election equipment at her home, beginning January 1, 2024. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	<p>STORAGE OF RECORDS</p>
<p>No driveway applications to consider.</p>	<p>DRIVEWAYS</p>
<p>No operator license applications to consider.</p>	<p>OP LICENSES</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: Chippewa Valley Energy \$933.26 (diesel fuel); Consumer Cooperative \$178.51 (gasoline); Ellsworth Post Office \$990.00 (stamps for treasurer – put on credit card); Ellsworth Parts City \$125.94 (parts); GFL \$290.66 (refuse hauling); Helmer Printing \$272.70 (dog license letter and envelopes); John Deere Financial \$7,108.11 (tractor repair); Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract); Pierce County Journal \$396.69 (special town meeting notice & board meeting); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$51.00 (electricity); Pierce County Highway \$736.93 (490th Ave traffic count, crushed rock, parts); Swift Current \$74.22 (phone and broadband); Trimbelle Stone \$8,168.86 (crushed rock); University of River Falls \$2,853.35 (comprehensive plan agreement); Walz Ace Hardware \$127.09 (supplies), Wisconsin Towns Association \$419.63 (Town advocacy council for 18 months). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>BILLS</p>
<p>Correspondence included: 1 – Pierce County Land Use permits for Huppert Farms and Marion Erlandsons (sanitary permits); 2 - notice from WTA explaining the work and benefits of the Town Advocacy council including historic increases in shared revenue for 2024 and into the future; 3 – email thank you from All Croix Inspections and reminders of procedures and process for applications, inspections, and contact information; 4 – notice of April 4 election for presidential preference, county board, school board. 5 –Prairie Sky LLC, Jens Loberg, enrolled 80 acres in MFL closed effective January 1, 2024 in NW-SW and SE- NW Section 5.</p>	<p>CORRES PONDENCE</p>
<p>No animal issues.</p>	<p>ANIMALS</p>
<p>Next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MTG</p>
<p>MSC to adjourn (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>
<p>Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk</p>	