

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **public comment - brief comment from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas**
- **road work report**
- **490th Ave reconstruction application submitted to WisDOT and to Pierce County LRIP**
- **Tabled from November - Discuss options on 490th Ave from Hwy 10 to County Rd DD in 2024 – cost & options overlay or seal coating**
- **other road work**
- **report and follow up on Special town meeting regarding building town hall/shop**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

Board may take action on any agenda item at the meeting.

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk Posted 11-21-2023

Any agenda changes will be posted at the town hall

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Ellsworth was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 7:30 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

NOVEMBER
29, 2023**

On October 23, 2023 at their board meeting the Town Board authorized to proceed with the town meeting to be held Wednesday, November 29, 2023 for the residents to vote on the town hall/shop proposal, said project not to exceed \$1.9 million and the total loan to be no more than \$1.7 million. Two informational meetings will be held: Sunday, November 12th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday November 15th 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**RE:
BUILDING
TOWN HALL/
SHOP**

Notice was mailed to 415 residences in the Town of Ellsworth on November 6, 2023. The notice was published in the November 8th and 15th issues of the Pierce County Journal and the notice was posted on November 2nd at the town hall, website, and Kenny’s Lawton Bar.

There were 121 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 and Adam Johnson led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Billeter stated the purpose of the meeting.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Supervisor Ristow shared information on the process stating the building committee, composed of the plan commission and town board, discussed the needs of the Town of Ellsworth and visited the buildings of three area towns. The town has a concept plan which most likely will change, but serves as a starting point as the town cannot proceed without approval from the town residents. The cost has increased \$500,000 since presenting a proposal to the town electors in May of 2022. Information on costs, taxes, possible building layouts and photos of the current building were presented. The clerk stores at her home the election equipment, the current and past records of the town.

**SHARE
INFORMATION**

Comments will be limited to 2 minutes. Adam Johnson will be the time keeper and when 30 seconds are remaining, a yellow card will be raised. The floor opened for questions and discussion. At 7:40 p.m. Chair Billeter asked for a motion to close discussion. Motion made and seconded to close discussion. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION

END
DISCUSSION**

Clerk read the ballot to the group:

“The Ellsworth Town Board has proposed a town hall and shop be built on the 5 acre parcel the town owns to the south of 490th Avenue, said project not to exceed \$1.9 million and the total loan to be no more than \$1.7 million. Vote for one option.

BALLOT

Yes, I authorize the Ellsworth Town Board to proceed with the proposal to build a town hall/town shop with the total cost not to exceed \$1.9 million and the loan to be no more than \$1.7 million.

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

Ballots were distributed. Tellers were Audrey Severson, Gary Brown, Denise Hager, Lisa Hines, Sharon Seibel, Kathryn Mazac, Janet Huppert, Kit Feuerhelm.

BALLOT
RESULTS

121 in attendance - 118 votes cast - results:

51 votes - I authorize the Ellsworth Town Board to proceed with the proposal to build a town hall/town shop with the total cost not to exceed \$1.9 million and the loan to be no more than \$1.7 million.

67 votes - No, I do not approve of the Town of Ellsworth proceeding with the current plan.

The proposal was defeated.

MSC to adjourn.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

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 Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:30 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 October 23, 2023.

Two informal open house gatherings to share more details, hear your thoughts, and answer questions have been scheduled:

- Sunday, November 12, 2023 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Both of these will be held at the current town shop at W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth.

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, November 6, 2023 immediately following the public hearing on the 2009-2029 Comprehensive Plan update which began at 7:00 p.m., followed by a hearing on the proposed 2024 budget and the Special Town Meeting of the electors to approve the town levy which followed the budget hearing. The meeting notice had been posted October 26 at the town hall, website, Kenny's Lawton Bar and published in the November 1st issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beastron) were present as well as Maintenance Don Jakes and town residents Terry Young, Barry Foy, Tim Lorenz, George Grajkowski and Christopher Holtkamp, comprehensive plan update lead from UW River Falls.

**NOVEMBER
BOARD
MEETING**

Public comment - Brief comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas: 1 – George Grajkowski requested 480th Ave be mowed and was told the tractor broke down and is expected back any day. He also had comments on proposed 490th Street road project.
2 – Terry Young commented on too much crushed rock used at the intersections after the snowfall in October

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MIINUTES**

The minutes of the October meeting had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting.
MSC to accept the minutes.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The clerk presented the financial report: Checking \$ 28,296.45; LGIP General \$33,382.74; LGIP Machinery \$119,764.74; LGIP Town Hall Fund \$104,150.47; Money Market \$12,043.68; and cash on hand \$25.00.
MSC to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Don Jakes, maintenance reported: 1 - Mowing tractor broke down and is expected to be back in a day or two; 2 – also repaired a hose leak and replaced the serpentine belt on the 2010 truck.

**ROAD
WORK**

Mark Servi, the facilitator appointed by WTA for our area for LRIP funding, will be submitting the town's 480th Avenue construction report for LRIP reimbursement.

**480TH AVE
UPDATE**

Funding application was submitted to WI DOT October 25th for 490th Ave road construction. Application will also be submitted by November 15th to Pierce County CTRIC (County Town Road Improvement Committee) for consideration.

**490TH AVE ROAD
PROJECT**

MSC to approve the 2024 town budget with levy of \$416,975 and total income and expenses of \$685,423.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

**ADOPT
2024
BUDGET**

MSC to purchase New Holland Disc mower 7.5 feet or 9 ft to be used for first cutting in the spring and fall.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

**MOWER
PURCHASE**

Decision regarding overlay or seal coat for 490th Ave east of Highway 10 to County Rd DD tabled to November.

**TABLE
490TH AVE**

	OVERLAY
Clerk had a response from Wisconsin DOT regarding 515 th Street and they do not show it as ever being part of Highway 72. Clerk will send information to Todd Mord telling him that if he wants to pursue taking over 515 th Street, he will have to hire a title agency to determine ownership of the road and process for proceeding.	OTHER ROADWORK 515 th ST
No driveway applications to consider.	DRIVEWAYS
MSC to approve Ordinance 2023-2 adopting the Town of Ellsworth 2009-2029 Comprehensive Plan Update.	ORDINANCE 2023-2 COMP PLAN UPDATE
No operator license applications to consider.	OP LICENSES
Ambulance committee did increase municipality per capita by 10% for 2024.	AMBULANCE
The following bills were reviewed for payment: Companion Animal Control \$198.41 (2 dogs picked up in October); GFL \$291.32 (refuse hauling); Kruger Thoner Builders \$1500 (bond refund Devine home); Pierce County Journal \$246.42 (comp plan public hearing, board meeting & budget public hearing); Marko septic \$295 (pumping septic); Mid-States Truck Supply \$86.68 (belts for 2010 truck); Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$93.00 (electricity); Pierce County Highway \$10,723.19 (blade patching); Swift Current \$74.22 (phone and broadband); Trimbelle Stone \$5349.88 (crushed rock); Walz Ace Hardware \$19.99 (supplies), Wisconsin Department of Revenue \$17.74 (manufacturing assessment fee). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).	BILLS
Correspondence included: 1 - Pierce County land use permits for Jeff Baker (sanitary); address for Lyle Young, replacement signs for Jackson Hager and Jacob Pazurek; 2 – All Croix Building permits for Robert Pechacek (attached garage); Lyle Young and LeAllen Huppert (electrical service); Jeff Hines (residence alteration); and Jeff Smith (residence addition); 3 – from the Village of Ellsworth, ETZ fence permit for Kathy Wahrenbrock – the permit fee of \$104 were transmitted to the town and deposited; 4 – Brit at Companion Animal Control confirmed that the sheriff's department dispatch is to call her with dog issues; 5 – the town's assessment ratio for 2023 is 82.98% and 6 – Pierce – Pepin joint county unit meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Attorney Joe Ruth from WTA will be speaking on various topics and answering questions.	CORRES PONDENCE
The only animal issue in October was two dogs running at large at 715 Premises and were picked up by Companion Animal Control and later claimed by the owners. Clerk will bill owners for the fees charged by Companion Animal Control.	ANIMALS
Next meeting will be Monday, December 4 beginning at 7:00 p.m.	NEXT MTG
MSC to adjourn (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).	ADJOURN
Phyllis J Beaström, Clerk	

THE ELLSWORTH TOWN BOARD WILL MEET
At approximately 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
Comprehensive Plan Update Public Hearing, the Budget
Public Hearing, and the Special Town meeting to approve
the town levy, all of which begins at 7:00 p.m.
At the Ellsworth Town Hall (W6058 490th Ave)

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **public comment - brief comment from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave construction update**
- **490th Ave 2024-2029 STP-Local Program application submitted to WisDOT**
- **Discuss purchase of mower**
- **Discuss options on 490th Ave overlay from Hwy 10 to County Rd DD in 2024**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **Ordinance 2023-2 recommending adoption of the Town of Ellsworth 2009-2029 Comprehensive Plan Update**
- **Approve the 2024 budget for the Town of Ellsworth**
- **ambulance committee report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

Board may take action on any agenda item at the meeting.

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk Posted 10/26/2023 Any agenda changes will be posted at the town hall

The Ellsworth Town Board held a Special Town Board meeting Monday, October 23, 2023 at the Town Hall immediately after the Building Committee meeting which began at 6:30 p.m. Meeting notice was posted October 20 at Town Hall, Kenny's Lawton Bar and website. All town board members were present: Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines and Clerk Beastrom. Also in attendance were members of the Building Committee: Kit Feuerhelm, Adam Johnson, John Huber.

**OCTOBER 23
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MSC to set Sunday, November 12 from 6 – 8 p.m. and Wednesday, November 15 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. as informational meetings for the town residents and to set Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. for the Special Town Meeting for the residents to vote on the town hall/shop proposal, said project not to exceed \$1.9 million and the total loan to be no more than \$1.7 million.

**INFORMATION
MEETINGS
SPECIAL
TOWN
MEETING**

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.

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

Clerk asked for timeline for November 29th. Presentation at 6:30 with time for questions and answers; vote at 7:45 p.m. Adjourn 8:00 p.m.

MSC to adjourn.

ADJOURN

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

for the **Town of Ellsworth**

MONDAY, October 23, 2023

**Immediately following the
adjournment of the**

Building Committee which

**begins at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall
W6058 490th Avenue**

Agenda:

- Call to order
- Set dates for informational meetings and Special Town Meeting of the Electors to vote on building a town hall and town shop
- Any other business/action regarding this special town meeting of electors
- adjourn

The Town of Ellsworth Building Committee met on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted October 17th at the town hall, Kenny's Lawton Bar, and website and reposted October 20th at the town hall and on the website. Present were: Roger Billeter, Gordon Borner, Brad Ristow, Kit Feuerhelm, John Huber, Adam Johnson, and recorder Phyllis Beastrom Absent: Gary Nelson.

BUILDING
COMMITTEE
MEETING
OCTOBER 23,
2023

Town Chair Roger Billeter called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

MSC to approve the minutes.

Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by John Huber.

Clerk had distributed to the committee prior to the meeting a proposed letter for the town residents regarding the two open houses and the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 29th. Committee suggested some changes. Clerk had also created a power point presentation and asked for suggestions.

REVIEW
LETTER &
POWERPOINT

Clerk will have information on 10 year loans and 20 year loans at the information meetings.

LOAN

Next meetings will be the open houses for town residents on November 12 and November 15. The Town Board will have a special meeting immediately after this meeting to establish the date of the Special Town Meeting for the vote.

NEXT
MEETING

Chair announced if this project is approved, the building committee members could still be involved in the building planning.

MSC to adjourn.

ADJOURN

Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.

Phyllis Beastrom, Recorder

**The Town of Ellsworth
BUILDING COMMITTEE**

will meet

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

at the Ellsworth Town Hall/Garage

W6058 490th Avenue

**The Building Committee is composed of the Ellsworth
Town Board and the Ellsworth Plan Commission**

Agenda:

- Call to order by Chair Billeter
- Minutes of October 16
- Review/amend proposed letter to be sent to Town of Ellsworth residents regarding two informational open houses on building a town hall and town shop
- Forward the proposal for a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, November 29 6:30 p.m. to the town board for action.
- information to be included in the power point presentation
- Any other discussion/action on the informational meetings, special town meeting, or business for this meeting - next meeting date
- Adjourn

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, October 2, 2023 at the Town Hall at 6:45 p.m.. Meeting notice was posted September 13 and reposted September 25th at Town Hall, Kenny's Lawton Bar and website and published in the September 27th issue of the Pierce County Journal. Present were board members Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, and Clerk Beastrom.

**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, George Grajkowski, Tim Lorenz, and maintenance Don Jakes.

**MEETING
RESUMED**

The September meeting minutes had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting.
MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

MINUTES

Clerk presented the monthly financial report: CCF Checking \$9,554.36; LGIP General \$2,014.90; LGIP Machinery \$119,240.49; LGIP Town Hall Fund \$103,694.57; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$41,956.10.
MSC to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

No Public Comment: Brief comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas:

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Maintenance Jakes stated they have been patching, did grader overlay (5 loads on 410th Ave) and Charlie is starting the first round of fall mowing. Maintenance shared information on a Disc mower. Chair asked clerk to put this on the November agenda.
Don Jakes also stated Todd Mord would like to have 515th Street conveyed to him.
Clerk will contact DOT about this road.

**ROAD
WORK**

515th ST

Clerk had sent bill to Joe Plummer for a share of the blacktop on 480th Ave based on what Mattison Contractors indicated on the bill. Chair is working with Mr. Plummer on costs. Clerk submitted the LRIP documentation to Chad Johnson, Pierce County Highway Commissioner.

**480TH AVE RD
CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

The garage doors in the east addition have been installed.

DOORS

MSC the salaries for 2024 as established in closed session are: Donald Jakes and Charlie Casey 4% increase and rate of \$15 per hour for Roger Young.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

**REPORT FROM
CLOSED
SESSION**

No driveway permit applications.

DRIVEWAYS

No operator license applications.	OP LICENSES
Public hearing for the comprehensive plan update requires 30 day notice so will be published October 4 th and hearing held on November 6 th at 7 p.m.	COMP PLAN
The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 – Consumers Cooperative \$148.72 (gas); 2 – GFL \$286.68 (refuse hauling); 3 –Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract); 4 - Pierce County Journal \$42.29 (two meeting notices); 5- Pierce Pepin Cooperative \$88.00 (electricity); 6 - Swift Current \$74.22 (phone and internet; 7 – Universal Truck Supply \$3316.00 (blades); 8 – Waltz Ace Hardware \$24,32 (supplies). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).	BILLS
Board continued discussion on road project to consider in 2024 – 1.75 miles of 410 th Avenue from County C west to 710 th Street or 490 th Avenue from 610 th Street west to County Rd C. Chair will contact the county about doing traffic counts on both roads.	PRELIMINARY 2024 BUDGET PLANNING
Correspondence included: 1 – June Pierce County Land use permits: Sanitary for Tim Holmstrom; uniform address signs for Sheldon Huppert and Robert Mercord; August Pierce County Land use permit: Jeff Plummer, pole shed. 2 - All Croix Inspections permits for: Tracy Mitchell (electrical permit); Rand Donker and Scott Forsman (pole sheds); and Tim Faber (underground pool). 3 – Reviewed CSM for Jeff Baker in SE ¼ of SE ¼ Section 5; 4 – Notice from DNR that woodland contracts are expiring for Prairie Sky, Steve Brand and Janet Arndt. Prairie Sky has re-enrolled in the program effective 1-1-2024. 5 – Mark Servi has been appointed our facilitator for Pierce County LRIP programs.	CORRES- PONDENCE
Chair had no animal issues but Supervisor Ristow was contacted about dogs a woman picked up on the highway. He told her to contact the Sheriff’s Office and they would contact Companion Animal Control. She told Supervisor Ristow the sheriff’s office does not contact animal control. Clerk will verify the process.	ANIMAL ISSUE
The February 20 th minutes of the Plan Commission recommends that the Building Committee be composed of the Plan Commission members and the Town Board. Chair Billeter asks that the Building Committee, composed of the Plan Commission members and the Town Board meet on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. to decide if the town will proceed with the process for building and if so, what.	BUILDING COMMITTEE OCTOBER 16
Next board meeting will be November 6 beginning at 7 p.m. with Public Hearing on the 2009-2029 Comprehensive Plan Update, followed by the budget hearing and the Special Town Meeting to set the 2023 levy to be collected in 2024. The regular board meeting will follow the Special Town Meeting.	NEXT MEETINGS
MSC to adjourn. Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow.	ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk

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The Town of Ellsworth Building Committee

will meet

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

at the Ellsworth Town Hall/Garage

W6058 490th Avenue

**The Building Committee is composed of the
members of the Ellsworth Town Board and
the Ellsworth Plan Commission**

Agenda:

- Call to order by Chair Billeter
- What are the building needs of the Town of Ellsworth
- Should the Town of Ellsworth proceed with a building project
- If so, what do you propose as the building project
- What dollar amount do you propose for the project
- What are the next steps?
- Next meeting
- Adjourn

**NOTICE OF 30 DAY REVIEW PERIOD
& PUBLIC HEARING ON
TOWN OF ELLSWORTH
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

The Ellsworth Town Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall at W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth, to hear public comment on the Town of Ellsworth Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029 Update.

Sec. 66.1001(2)(i) requires that a comprehensive plan be updated no less than once every 10 years.

The Comprehensive Plan Update for the Town of Ellsworth contains:

- 1 - updated demographic and economic data;
- 2 - updated goals and objectives crafted from conversation and dialogue with town residents in December 2022, and
- 3 - an implementation guide to achieve identified goals.

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan Update will be available for public review beginning October 3, 2023 at the following locations during normal business hours of operation:

- 1, Town of Ellsworth website at www.co.pierce.wi.us Go to municipal government, Town of Ellsworth
2. Ellsworth Public Library located at 388 West Main Street, Ellsworth
3. Home of the clerk, Phyllis Beastrom. Call 715-821-5847 for an appointment.
4. Ellsworth Town Hall, W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

Individuals wishing to attend the public hearing who may need special assistance or accommodations should contact Phyllis Beastrom. Written comments may be sent to Christopher Feuerhelm, Plan Commission Chair, N4302 County Rd DD, Ellsworth WI 54011 by 4:00 p.m. November 3, 2023.

Dated: September 26, 2023

Published October 4, 2023

Phyllis Beastrom, Town Clerk

The Town of Ellsworth Plan Commission and Town Board met on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted August 14th at the town hall, Kenny’s Lawton Bar, and website and published in the August 23rd Pierce County Journal. Present were, Plan Commission members: Kit Feuerhelm, Gary Nelson, Gordon Borner and Adam Johnson and Town Board members Roger Billeter, Brad Ristow, Gordon Borner, Lisa Hines, and Phyllis Beastrom. Also present were Tim Lorenz and George Grajkowski.

AUGUST 28,
2023
PLAN
COMMISSION
& TOWN
BOARD

Town Chair Roger Billeter called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

MSC to approve the minutes of the July meeting.
(Motion by Roger Billeter, seconded by Gary Nelson)

MINUTES

Greg Pearson explained he had a survey completed on his land to establish boundaries and to split into two lots. His property, located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, is zoned General Rural Flex. Lot 3 with 11.38 acres is his home parcel and Lot 4 with 8.13 acres is vacant land. Land Management requested a soil test and perk test on the vacant lot to be sure that it is a sellable lot. They also requested a driveway permit for the vacant lot. All requests have been completed so the lot can be sold at some point in the future. MSC that the planning commission approve the Certified Survey Map completed for Greg Pearson.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Kit Feuerhelm)

GREG
PEARSON
CSM

Clerk Beastrom reviewed the editorial and clarification changes made to the Comprehensive Plan Update as prepared by Christopher Holtkamp. One paragraph on page 9 to coordinate development within or in close proximity to the Village of Ellsworth was deleted.
MSC to accept the Comprehensive Plan Update and submit it to the town board for a public hearing.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Kit Feuerhelm)

SUBMIT
COMP
PLAN
UPDATE TO
BOARD &
SCHEDULE
PUBLIC
HEARING

Some members of the plan commission had visited the Martell shop, the El Paso Town Hall/shop and the Hartland Town Hall/shop. The Hartland shop is much larger than El Paso’s and what the Town of Ellsworth has been considering. Martell personnel commented that their shop should be a little longer but their property size and setbacks did not allow more length.

VISITS TO
OTHER
FACILITIES

Clerk distributed tax impacts on loans for 1 million, 1.5 million, 1.75 million, and 2 million.

TAX
IMPACT

Amount	payment per year	town value	tax per 100,000 value
1 million	\$90,671.25	\$151,847,400	\$59.71
1.5 million	\$136,006.87		\$89.57
1.75 million	\$158,674.69		\$104.50
2 million	\$181,342.58		\$119.42

Other costs to consider if construct a new building is insurance. Clerk had contacted El Paso and Hartland clerks for their building insurance costs but clerk believes El Paso’s cost is whole package including workmen’s comp and

OTHER
COSTS

equipment not just building. Hartland's insurance on their building only, valued at \$603,600 is \$1552.

Brad Ristow will take the concept plan to Cleary and Durand Builders, asking for a stand alone town hall cost as well as town hall/shop cost.

NEXT STEPS

Next meeting will be Monday September 18th at 6:30 p.m. Clerk Beastrom informed the Plan Commission they would have a rezone request to consider. All adjacent property owners and those within 300 feet will be notified of the rezone request. Clerk Beastrom is not available that week, but Lisa Hines will take the minutes.

NEXT MEETING

MSC to adjourn.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Kit Feuerhelm)

ADJOURN

Phyllis Beastrom, Recorder

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Town Hall. Meeting notice was posted August 29th at Town Hall, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and website and published in the September 6th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Hines, Clerk Beastrom) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Others in attendance were Sheldon Huppert, George Grajkowski and Tim Lorenz.

**SEPTEMBER
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

He introduced Tony Aguado from Rural Mutual Insurance. Mr. Aguado discussed each item on the policy and asked if the board wished to make any changes: Board increased personal property in building to \$75,000 and added \$25,000 coverage for employee dishonesty. He stated the difference in premium would be minimal.

**INSURANCE
REVIEW**

The August meeting minutes had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting. Chair submitted correction that Supervisor Ristow suggested having bottled water at the town hall.

MINUTES

MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as corrected.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Clerk presented the monthly financial report: CCF Checking \$56,943.55; LGIP General \$2,014.90; LGIP Machinery \$119,240.49; LGIP town Hall Fund \$103,694.57; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$141,595.15.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Public Comment: Brief comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas:
Sheldon Huppert suggested the board look at the property vacated by Alcivia on Highway 63 to see if it is available and suitable as town hall and shop.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Maintenance Jakes reported they have been 1 – patching, 2 – did overlay patching; 3 - grader overlay will happen tomorrow; 4 – have been shouldering; 5 – will put new blades on the mower before mowing next round.

**ROAD
WORK**

480th Avenue is completely blacktopped; some shouldering yet to be done. When the bill arrives the amount to be billed to Joe Plummer will be itemized on the bill. Clerk will submit information to highway commission for LRIP reimbursement.

**480TH AVE RD
CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

Have not received notification as to when the garage doors are scheduled to be replaced.

DOORS

The board reviewed town fees and machinery rates.
MSC to establish the following rates effective immediately: Crushed Rock: \$18 per yd; breaker rock \$18.00 per yd; Fill \$9.50 per yd; Lime screens \$11.50 per yd; Rip rap \$12.50 per yd; Salt Sand \$33.00 per yd; Sandfill \$11.50 per yd: Tractor and blade \$75 per hour; Grader \$150 per hour; Loader \$100 per hour; Tractor and mower \$75 per hour; sanding \$65 first 15 minutes; plowing snow \$65 with truck first 15 minutes; truck and man \$120 per hr.

**TOWN FEES
FOR SUPPLIES
& EQUIPMENT**

No driveway permit applications.

DRIVEWAYS

No ambulance committee report but fundraising for the ambulance service continues.

**AMBULANCE
COMMITTEE**

MSC to issue operator licenses to Brenda Meixner (renewal) and Lizbeth Norton (new application) both at Kenny’s Lawton Bar.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.)

OP LICENSES

Public hearing for the comprehensive plan update requires 30 day notice so will be published October 4th and hearing held on November 6th at 7 p.m.

COMP PLAN

The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 – Consumers Cooperative \$134.52 (gas); 2 – GFL \$286.68 (refuse hauling); 3 – Town of Hartland \$57.48 (supplies); 4 - Pierce County Journal \$35.42 (two meeting notices); 5- Pierce County Clerk \$24 (county directories; 6 – Pierce County Highway \$190.94 (sign repair); 7 – Pierce County Solid Waste \$15 (microwave); 8- Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract) 9 – Rural Mutual \$8,439.00 (insurance 10/1/2023- 10/1/2024); 10 – Waltz Ace Hardware \$72.96 (supplies).

BILLS

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

Board continued discussion on road project to consider in 2024 – 1.75 miles of 410th Avenue from County C west to 730th Street or ; 490th Avenue from 610th Street west to County Rd C.

PRELIMINARY
2024 BUDGET
PLANNING

Correspondence included: 1 - All Croix Inspections electrical permit for Peter Zachau; 2 - the preliminary equalization figures did not change – the town’s equalized for 2023 went up 25% an increase of \$36,806,600 so the Town of Ellsworth most likely will be paying more of the school and county apportionment; (2022 equalized \$146,008,200 and 2023 equalized \$181,501,500. 3 – The town’s population for 2023 is 1199 - decreased by two; 4 – town received a letter from Pierce Pepin Cooperative that they are not responsible for any fires on power poles and the town could be responsible for the fire call.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

Chair Billeter questioned about permits for Kevin Lindstrom and Cody Zimmer for the ag structures currently being built and clerk had previously inquired of All Croix Inspections regarding them and was told: They both have zoning permits but were exempt for building permits based on the State’s exemption for AG buildings.

No animal issues.

ANIMAL ISSUE

Plan Commission will meet next Monday September 18. Next town board meeting will be October 2nd beginning at 6:45 with closed session to discuss employee compensation with regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT
MEETINGS

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

From All Croix Inspections regarding Tim Holmstrom building permit in the ETZ: Tim Holmstrom did supply some pictures and manufacturing information of the home they wanted to put on the lot – the home that they provided information on is a HUD built home also known as a mobile/manufactured/trailer/double-wide which is not allowed. A modular home (built to the Uniform Dwelling Code in a factory that has been approved and licensed by the State of WI would be allowable on that lot as well as a stick built home (permitted and inspected by All Croix Inspections during the process).

MEETING MINUTES

ELLSWORTH PLAN COMMISSION

Date: September 18, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting called to order by: Kit Feuerhelm

IN ATTENDANCE

Kit Feuerhelm, Brad Ristow, Gordon Borner, Lisa Hines, John Huber, Adam Johnson, also present Tim Lorenz and George Grajkowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gordon motioned to approve minutes for August 28, 2023, and John Huber seconded.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-1 RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2009-2029 UPDATE

Copies were available for review. Adam Johnson motioned for approval and Gordon Borner seconded. Kit Feuerhelm signed and will be provided to the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLEARY BUILDERS (IF ANY)

No correspondence presented.

Brad had gone to Cleary Builders last week. They (not sure who Brad spoke with) indicated they could design the structure and bid it. They commented that if provided a design to bid they are always out bid. Cleary received an inquiry from the public as to what Martel's build cost. They approximated \$500,000 and now the same build would be double.

DISCUSSION

Gordon suggested presenting the same Concept Plan and dollar amount – amount not to be exceeded. Does the dollar amount include financing, need clarification. Options include

Town Hall only

Town Hall and 2 Bays

Town Hall and 3 Bays

Ask to have Phyllis provide how much property taxes may increase for 2023.

Kit suggested surveying the voters as to what they would want. Brad felt voters would only select/approve the lowest costing choice.

It was suggested we could have some educational meetings regarding any recommended plans.

No action taken. Table for next meeting.

Suggested to list plan commission members to website.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Town Board, October 2, 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm by Gordon and seconded by John.

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, August 7, 2023 at the Town Hall. Meeting notice was posted July 26th at Town Hall, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and website and published in the August 2nd issue of the Pierce County Journal. Town board members Chair Billeter, Supervisor Ristow, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beaström and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Others in attendance were George Grajkowski, Tim Lorenz, and Brad and Tim Holmstrom.

**AUGUST
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
MINUTES**

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

MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

Clerk presented the monthly financial report: CCF Checking \$27,077.77; LGIP General \$54,836.90; LGIP Machinery \$118,704.89; LGIP town Hall Fund \$103,228.80; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$153,087.52. The town had received \$6,038.70 Fire Insurance Dues which will be sent to Ellsworth Fire Services.
MSC to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter.)

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Public Comment: Brief comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas:

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

1 – Chair Billeter announced that Timothy Holmstrom is having difficulty getting a building permit from All Croix Inspections for placing a modular home on his property in the ETZ in Section 6. When notified of this issue, the clerk checked the Village ETZ and chapter 46.03 (7) (a)(2a) Residential District (R-1) states permitted uses are single family dwellings constructed on site or manufactured homes.

**TIM
HOLMSTROM
MODULAR
HOME**

MSC the Town of Ellsworth approve Tim Holmstrom’s request to place a modular home on his property in the R1 district,
(Motion by Roger Billeter, seconded by Brad Ristow).

(Clerk comment after speaking with All Croix Inspections and Village of Ellsworth: The Village ordinance has not been updated to reflect language used in the industry today – manufactured home today refers to a mobile home and village ordinance requires mobile home to be placed in a mobile home park. Tim Holmstrom has been requested to provide information to All Croix Inspections regarding the construction of his modular home and if it is a “stick built” home, the building permit will be granted.)

Chair Billeter responded to questions regarding 480th Avenue road construction and comments regarding proposed town shop.

Maintenance Jakes reported they have been 1 – brushing, patching, shouldering; 2 - the cylinders for the loaders have been repaired; 3 – steering issues on the Peterbilt truck – no grease zerk but dug through the plastic and applied grease; 4 – done mowing and will sharpen blades. Maintenance was reminded the steel area at the dump is getting full.

**ROAD
WORK**

Chair reported 480th Avenue is 90% completed -the first layer of blacktop has been applied and next layer will be applied – anticipate being completed by August 25th. There’s finishing to complete around Grajkowski’s, replace Dresser’s fence and shouldering.

**480TH AVE RD
CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

Have not received notification as to when the garage doors are scheduled to be replaced.

DOORS

Todd Mork mentioned to maintenance he would like 515th road to be discontinued as a town road. Clerk did some research on 515th Street. Landowners Charlotte Johnson and Mary Holden, daughters of Adolph Johnson (deceased) petitioned the town board in November 1900 to have a town road in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 13. The town board approved the request and laid out a 3 rod road and paid Charlotte Johnson and Mary Holden each \$80 (Town Highway book page 202 & following) . Highway 72 had a large curve that somewhat followed the landowners petition and in 1928 and again in 1955, Wisconsin DOT bought several parcels from adjacent land owners. I assume this was done to straighten Highway 72. It is clerk’s understanding that 515th Street was formerly a part of Highway 72. The DOT owns a good share of the land 515th Street lies on. Mr. Mord would own only that portion that is on his land, and none of the access to get to his property. According to the town transportation maps, the town gets transportation aid on 1/10 of a mile on 515th Street. Clerks had contacted Pierce County Highway to look at Highway 72 road construction plats. These used to be housed in the county clerk’s office but he gave them to highway many years ago. The Clerk checked for deeds in Register of Deeds and there’s no deed conveying this road to the Town of Ellsworth.

515th STREET

Clerk took a water sample from the town well on Monday July 24, 2023. The test results are: Bacteria – coliform present; e-coli absent, hardness 384 mg/l; alkalinity 296 mg/l; conductivity 1235 (should be twice the hardness); pH 8.16 (normal) saturation 0.8 (ideal) nitrogen 7.0 (good), chloride 200 mg/l should be less than 10. Coliform bacteria does not cause illness to healthy individuals but its presence indicates the water system is at risk for more serious forms of contamination. Options are to retest; have the well checked for sources of contamination, or disinfect the well. Supervisor Ristow suggested we buy water to have at the town shop.

WATER TEST

No driveway permit applications.

DRIVEWAYS

The ambulance committee met and they will have a 5% shortfall for the 2024 budget and will need to increase 7.5% - 10%. They have chosen to use 8% increase for the 2024 budget. Clerk reminded that the new shared revenue increase is to be used toward emergency services as well as transportation needs. A new ambulance has been ordered and will arrive in 2024-2025. The ambulance again is sponsoring a raffle fund raiser.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Missy Ryden appeared before the board requesting enlarged premises for the 715 Steer and Beer for the August 25th fund raiser for the fire department. Music, serving of beverages and food will take place on the parking lot between the building and the house to the east. Parking will be on the mowed area north of 490th Ave, east of 610th Avenue and west of volleyball courts. Josh Rhy is also aware of the need to license the full premises as clerk has had conversation with him.

ENLARGE 715 STEER AND BEER PREMISES FOR AUGUST 25TH EVENT

MSC to enlarge the premises for 715 Steer and Beer from 4 – 11 p.m. on August 25th to include the whole premises, including the parking lot off Highway 10, cement west of building, deck, and all land to be used for parking below the hill owned by Josh Rhy. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

No operator license applications to consider.

OP LICENSES

Review of the comprehensive plan will be on the next Plan Commission meeting on August 28th.

COMP PLAN

The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 –All Croix Inspections \$243.00 (Gary Brown deck); 2 –Companion Animal Control \$15.00 (nuisance complaint for dog running at large); 3- CSN Surety \$275.00 (bonds for clerk and treasurer); 4 - Ellsworth Parts City \$34.03 (filters); 5 - Fabick Cat \$18.67 (seal rings); 6- Hydraulic Component Repair \$1238.84 (loader hydraulics); 7- J.D. Financial \$1.93 (o ring); 8 - Pierce County Journal \$43.36 (two meeting notices); 9- Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract) 10 - Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$87.00 (electricity); 11 – Swift Current \$74.22 (internet and phone); 12 – Ellsworth Fire Services \$6,038.70 (fire dues); and 13 – Construction Bond returns to C & E Wurzer Builders \$1500; and Ed Rohl \$1500. MSC to pay bills.
(Motion by Roger Billeter, seconded by Brad Ristow).

BILLS

Board discussed the next roads to be considered for reconstruction in the Town of Ellsworth: 1.75 miles of 410th Avenue from County C west to 730th Street; 490th Avenue from 610th Street west to County Rd C; and 610th Avenue (Gun range Road) from 670th Street west to Highway 65 approximately 1.3 miles. Clerk had received e-mail from Universal Truck Equipment for a Henderson Mark dump truck, hoist, one way plow, hitch, wing, sander, lights - \$107,979.00.

PRELIMINARY
2024 BUDGET
PLANNING

Clerk and Supervisor Borner attended the County Unit meeting on August 4th at the Town of River Falls town hall. The pilot program for LGIP was clarified and explained. There are still 2 LRIP programs – LRIP - S and LRIP- D for state funding - . LRIP-S used to be 90% (state)-10% (local) funding but has been changed to 70%-30% so more towns can take advantage of funding and LRIP-D is 50-50. The second is County Town Road Improvement Cycle (also called entitlement funds) which in Pierce County has an automatic rotation between towns. The main difference in the LRIP program is how it is administered. In the past the county highway commissioner administered the program but now a “commissioner” will be assigned to our area to oversee the program. The 5 member county committee was elected August 4th – Mike Traynor of Gilman is chair. Other members are Curt Nelson, Hartland; Gordon Borner, Ellsworth, Diana Smith, River Falls, and Ron Kannel, El Paso. They along with the commissioner will review the applications for county rotation projects as well as the applications for LRIP S & D projects and rate the projects based on safety, vehicle count. Each application needs to “sell their project” on the application.

LRIP
REPORT
FROM
COUNTY
MEETING

Correspondence included: 1 - All Croix Inspections building permit for Gary Brown for a deck; 2 – CSM for Greg Pearson - the Plan Commission to review at their August 28th meeting; 3 - preliminary equalization figures indicating the equalized value of the town went up 25% an increase of \$36,806,600 so the Town of Ellsworth most likely will be paying more of the school and county apportionment; (2022 equalized \$146,008,200 and 2023 equalized \$181,501,500. The assessor and I both appealed to the Department of Revenue asking them to review this. Clerk was told by the DOR they are using 8 towns for sales comparisons: Ellsworth, Gilman, Martell, Spring Lake, El Paso, Hartland, Salem, and Union. 4 – WTA meetings coming up: Sept 19th at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire, and Convention at the Wisconsin Dells October 22-24.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

Clerk reported dog license letters had been sent to Tia Sampair and Kevin Bryniarski. Sampair’s dogs are licensed. Bryniarski did not send rabies vaccination information so. Treasurer Hines has been contacting him.
Brit Harmon from Companion Animal Control stated she needs to be notified IF a dog bite breaks the skin. She also reported Bryniarski surrendered the two 6 month old shepherd puppies he had and those were sent to a rescue to be trained service dogs for veterans. The female/mother of the puppies has been spayed, the two male

ANIMAL ISSUE

shepherds/Malinois on the property are still intact but plans are to neuter them. They also have 2 small dogs in the home as well.

Next meeting will be September 11 at 7:00 p.m. Next Plan Commission meeting will be Monday, September 18 at 6:30.

**NEXT
MEETINGS**

MSC to adjourn
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter).

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **Public comment – brief comment from the public regarding items not on the agenda or items submitted for future agendas**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update**
- **Update on framework and replacing garage doors**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **ambulance report**
- **enlarged premises for Aug 25 for 715 Steer & Beer**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **changes for the comprehensive plan final draft and possibly set date for public hearing**
- **approve bills**
- **preliminary 2024 budget planning**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, July 10 2023 at the Town Hall. Meeting notice was posted June 15th at Town Hall, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and website and updated June 29th and published in the June 29th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beaström) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Others in attendance were George Grajkowski, and Tim Lorenz.</p>	<p>JULY BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.</p> <p>The minutes of the June meeting had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting.</p> <p>MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)</p>	<p>CALL TO MINUTES</p>
<p>Clerk presented the monthly financial report: CCF Checking \$174, 414.93; LGIP General \$41,775.07; LGIP Machinery \$118,187.73; LGIP town Hall Fund \$102,779.06; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$179,416.99.</p> <p>Clerk comments: 1 - The Town received the first invoice from Mattison Contractors for 480th Ave Road construction so clerk transferred \$250,000 from LGIP General account in late June. 2 – On June 22nd paid \$2514.50 to John Fabick Tractor Company for the rental of the lift for brushing; 3 – On July 3rd Town received Transportation aid in amount of \$31,358.98; 4 - 715 Steer and Beer paid for their beer and liquor license for 2023. They had a structure fire on June 1st and are closed for an undetermined time.</p> <p>MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Maintenance Jakes reported they have been 1 – brushing with the lift but because of the hot weather, could not work steady at brushing. Did get most of the brushing done with the lift on 450th Ave and 410th Ave; 2 - patching, 3 – mowing of first round is ¾ completed. Questions was asked if blades need to be sharpened as mowing is ragged – will mow slower as the grass is tough so it cuts ragged.</p>	<p>ROAD WORK</p>
<p>Maintenance reported that GSB 88 was applied last year on 610th Avenue.</p> <p>Maintenance reported that River Falls Township has asked to join the Towns of Martell, Ellsworth, Hartland, and Gilman in owning the sprayer. By board concensus, this arrangement approved and asked Town of River Falls to make a proposal.</p>	<p>SPRAYER</p>
<p>Chair reported Mattison Contractors are waiting for culverts before proceeding on 480th Avenue. Chair also reported that because of a rock type change for the road bed, the cost has increased by \$10,000. Maintenance also believes the hump by Scott Johnson’s driveway needs to be removed.</p>	<p>480TH AVE RD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE</p>
<p>Clerk reported the town will have enough funds in 2023 to pay for the road construction but depending on when invoices are submitted, the town may have to borrow from the LGIP Machinery account and repay from August settlement.</p>	<p>FUNDING</p>
<p>Have not received notification as to when the garage doors are scheduled to be replaced.</p>	<p>DOORS</p>
<p>Chair Billeter reported the trees in the right of way on 630th Avenue at Gordon Borner’s should be removed. Big River Dirtworks just completed a job next door and the equipment is still there so the trees can be removed Tuesday morning for under \$1000 if the board desires. Board concensus to remove the trees on Tuesday.</p>	<p>OTHER ROADWORK</p>
<p>No driveway permit applications.</p>	<p>DRIVEWAYS</p>

MSC to contract heating propane with Alcivia - 2,590 gallons x \$1.699 per gallon for a total of \$4400.41. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)	PROPANE CONTRACT
No operator license applications.	OP LICENSES
Tim Lorenz and George Grajkowski both urged the board to consider other options for a town hall and Tim suggested the board look at the Martell Town Shop which seems to meet their needs. Question was asked if Joe Plummer is contributing to the cost of the blacktop on 480 th Ave, Chair responded he believes he is from Enger's property to Grajkowski's but he has also requested a credit for paying for the blacktop in full to Enger's. George Grajkowski asked questions about the survey markers and status of construction to which the chair responded.	PUBLIC COMMENT
Clerk had reviewed the proposed final draft of the comprehensive plan and made several changes for the board to consider. The planning commission will be invited to comment on the final draft at a future meeting.	COMP PLAN
The ambulance committee has not met but they are proceeding with the raffle for their fund raiser.	AMBULANCE REPORT
The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 –All Croix Inspections \$360.00 (Lon Huppert basement finish); 2 –Consumer Cooperative \$182.31 (gasoline); 3 Ellsworth Parts City \$19.99 (parts); 4 – John Fabick Tractor Company \$250.00 (return of lift); 5- GFL \$280.70 (refuse hauling for July); 6 – Luhman Construction \$1524.00 (dust settler); 7 – McCoy Construction & Forestry \$1075.84 (seals for loader); 8- Mattison Contractors –\$143,881.69 (480 th Ave Construction); 9- Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract) 10 - Pierce County Highway \$12,651.94 ((blade patching); 11 – Pierce County Treasurer \$35.88 (20% share of MFL aid); - 12 - Rural Mutual \$43 (additional coverage for leasing lift); 13- Swift Current \$74.02 (phone & internet); 14 – Walz Ace Hardware \$84.59 (supplies & parts). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)	BILLS
Correspondence included: 1 – Shared Revenue was reformed in this legislative session and in 2024 the Town will receive \$91,098 an increase of 115.5%; 2- from All Croix Inspections building permit for Lon Huppert for basement finish.	CORRES- PONDENCE
Chair asked the clerk to write Tia Sampair regarding her dog issues: 1 – dog bit the mail carrier Saturday July 5 th and 6 weeks earlier had bit Brad Ristow; 2 - one of her dogs was running and a neighbor contained it in their garage; 3 - her dogs are not licensed and 4 - to remind her that she must have control of her dogs at all times and they must be vaccinated and licensed. He also asked that a letter be sent to Kevin Brynairski asking them to license their dogs.	ANIMAL ISSUE
Next meeting will be August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission and Town Board meets next week on July 17 th to discuss town hall/shop.	NEXT MEETINGS
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
Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update & funding**
- **Update on repairing framework and replacing garage doors**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **propane contract**
- **public comment**
- **ambulance report**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **any changes for the comprehensive plan final draft and possibly set date for public hearing**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, June 5, 2023 at the Town Hall. Meeting notice was posted May 24th at Town Hall, 715 Steer and Beer, Kenny's Lawton Bar and website and Reposted June 2nd and published in the May 31st issue of the Pierce County Journal. All town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beastro) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Others in attendance were Kim Johnson, Adam Johnson, George Grajkowski, and Tim Lorenz.

**JUNE
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MIINUTES**

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

MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Clerk presented the monthly financial report through May 31st: CCF Checking \$10,154.12; LGIP General \$258,301.63; LGIP Machinery \$117,196.74; LGIP town Hall Fund \$101,917.27; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$113,855.90.
MCS to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Maintenance Jakes reported they have been 1 - patching, 2 - did 5 loads of overlay and 10 tons of smear patching; 3 - finished weed spraying, 4 - tractor is ready for mowing; 5 - dust settler will be applied next week.

**ROAD
WORK**

Chair asked maintenance to mow roadsides by Mark Erlandson farm as they are hosting the June Dairy Breakfast.

MOWING

Will be brushing with the new chain saw and lift from Fabrick. Clerk signed the agreement with Fabrick for the lift - \$2508 for 4 weeks; \$539 a day; pickup when done \$250.

BRUSHING

Gordon Borner noted there is a dead tree on 630th Ave across from his house and if it falls it will land on the power pole. Maintenance will check it.

DEAD TREE

At the County Unit meeting, we were informed that there is a special LRIP pilot program for WTA District 2. The powerpoint does not give much information. I sent the powerpoint to Mark Peterson at Ayres and I suggested he contact WTA to get the details. There was a special session on this new program at the officer's workshop in Eau Claire last month. Highway Commissioner Chad Johnson also knows how the program works.

**SPECIAL LRIP
PILOT
PROGRAM
FOR WTA
DISTRICT 2**

Chair reported Mattison Contractors have removed the trees along 480th Avenue and the temporary fence for Dressen has been built. This week they are cutting down the hill by Scott Johnson's. The foreman would like to continue this project so Chair commented we need to have our funding ready.

**480TH AVE RD
CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

Clerk reported two right of way easement came back - for Richard and Nancy Banes and Ross Balzart. Have not heard from Jason and Karen Bignell but the project will not affect their property.

EASEMENTS

No update on when the garage door replacement project will be completed.

**GARAGE
DOORS**

Chair asked maintenance to get an estimate for GSB88 application for 610 th Avenue reconstructed in 2021.	ROADWORK GSB88
No driveway permit applications.	DRIVEWAYS
No public comment.	PUBLIC COMMENT
MSC to grant the following Class “B” Malt Beverage and “Class B” Liquor Licenses for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, 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. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner) Note: The 715 Steer and Beer had fire June 1 st and will not be operating for several months.	CLASS “B” MALT BEVERAGE & “CLASS B” LIQUOR LICENSES
MSC to issue Cigarette license to Kenneth Lashly dba Lawton Bar for Over the Counter Distribution. Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)	CIGARETTE LICENSE
MSC to issue the following Operator Licenses: Emma Gehring and Sheryl Hirman (Shady Grove); Amanda Block, Tracie Buelow, Betty Humphrey, Lisa Shonkwiler, Patricia Y, Debra Zimmerman and Hailie Dahl (Kenny’s Lawton Bar); Jessica Corey, Brienna Davis, Alison Deiss, Sam Elling, Naddy Glasbrenner, Ashley Jensen, Rebecca Lane, Carissa Kirchner, Lakin Meineke, Jaimie Murphy, Abbey Myers and Luke Albarado (Ellsworth Country Club); Caitlin Brendum, Billie Jo Huppert, Savanna Kenall, Cassidy Quinton, Amanda Weber, Taylor Whipple, and Paul Wilson (715 Steer and Beer). (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner) Note; No operator licenses issued to 715 Steer and Beer as they are currently closed).	OPERATOR LICENSES
MSC to raise meeting per diem for Plan Commission to \$50, with the understanding that this will be addressed later if this is not fair compensation. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)	PER DIEM
Christopher Holtkamp had e-mailed the Clerk the final draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan. The lot acreage needs to be changed to 2.5 acres on page 8 and the word Village changed to Town on page 9. The board will review the draft and submit changes. Mr. Holtkamp will be gone most of the summer but the Town can hold the public hearing on the plan without him.	FINAL DRAFT COMPRE- HENSIVE PLAN
The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 –All Croix Inspections \$1993.40 (Devine house, Buri electrical, Reich prefab shed) 2 –Consumer Cooperative \$199.56; 3 – ETI \$149.00 (software for liquor licenses); 4- GFL \$283.36 refuse hauling for June; 5 - The Journal \$69.95 (meeting notice & liquor license publications); 6 - Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract) 7 - Pierce Pepin Electric \$94.00 (electric service); 8 – Swift Current \$74.02 (phone & internet); 9 – Pierce County Highway \$566.53 (patching and salt sand); 10 – Trimble Stone \$2176.86 (crushed rock); 11 – Walz Hardware \$608.98 (chainsaw & parts); 12 – Wi DNR \$165.00 (burn license) and 13 – Animal Control \$136.03. MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)	BILLS

Mark Paschke from Ayres and Associates will meet with Plan Commission and Town Board next Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. to review costs and design options. Kim Johnson stated she came to learn more about the project and is willing to help promote the need of buildings for safety of employees as well as storage of election equipment and clerk files. Comments were also voiced the town hall needs only 1 office, and the building location should be moved to the south side of the property with access from Highway 10 (if permitted by the state).

TOWN HALL/
SHOP
DISCUSSION

Correspondence included: 1 – Building permit for Ben and Kelly Devine (new home), Myrna Buri (electric install); Mark Reich (prefab shed). 2 – WI DNR burn license for 2024; 3 – notice from Land Management for meeting Wednesday June 7 on code amendments for variances and commercial and private riding stables.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

Next meeting will be July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT
MEETINGS

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beaström, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**The Ellsworth Town Board will meet
Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
at the Town Hall
W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth**

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update**
- **Update on repairing framework and replacing garage doors**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **public comment**
- **ambulance report**
- **grant Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor licenses**
- **grant cigarette licenses**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **plan commission per diem**
- **approve bills**
- **town hall/shop discussion**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, May 1, 2023 at the Town Hall. Meeting notice was posted April 18th at Town Hall, 715 Steer and Beer, Kenny’s Lawton Bar and website and published in the April 26th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All town board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beaström) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present. Others in attendance were George Grajkowski, Tim Lorenz, and Adam Johnson.

**JUNE
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

The April minutes had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting. MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Clerk presented the current financial report : CCF Checking \$21,388.94; LGIP General \$256,110.74; LGIP Machinery \$116,736.34; LGIP town Hall Fund \$101,516.89; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$113,159.20.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

During the month the Town received lottery credit payment from Pierce County Treasurer. The second quarter transportation aid had arrived in early April. MCS to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Maintenance Jakes reported they have been patching, took the wing off the grader and attended the safety meeting. Will be doing blade patching next week. There is no seal coating scheduled for this year.

**ROAD
WORK**

Maintenance has identified 9 bridges with road depth of 19’ or less that are not inspected by the county and currently are not eligible for funding.

**19’ or less
BRIDGES**

Maintenance also inquired about renting a lift for brush cutting and trimming for approximately \$2200 a month. El Paso currently has the lift and the Fabick salesman says the Town of Ellsworth could use it next if approved. It would be used for brushing 410th Ave west of County C, 450th Ave west of County C, 610th Ave west of 670th Street, and 490th Street south of Highway 72.

MSC to authorize maintenance to rent the lift if details can be worked out.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

RENT LIFT

MSC maintenance purchase a Milwaukee chain saw with 2-11amp batteries.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

**PURCHASE
SAW**

Chair reported Mattison Contractors will shred the trees on Jim Dressen’s property. The right of way easements have been signed except for three who do not live along the road and the clerk will mail those easement to them. Mattison Contractors plan to start after July 4th.

**480TH AVE RD
CONSTRUCTION
TREES &
EASEMENTS**

Oakvale Builders completed proposal #1 - \$4200 for beam enforcement to repair broken concrete on east garage doors. They requested payment per the contract and clerk paid them.

**UPDATE ON BIDS
GARAGE
DOORS**

No other roadwork or driveway applications.

ROADWORK

Chair Roger Billeter appointed Brian O’Connell, Brad Ristow, and Barry Foy to the ETZ committee. Clerk will notify the village of the new committee members.

**ETZ
COMMITTEE**

The chair had been contacted by Katie Mazac that the assessor had not responded to her appraisal. Clerk will contact the assessor.	PUBLIC COMMENT
Jodi Nelson no longer is at Ayres and Associates but Mark Paschke will look at the file for the town hall/shop. Discussion focused on the current building – how will it be used? Cold storage? Heated? How much does it cost to heat this building yearly? Clerk will check with Mark Paschke to see if he can come May 15 th to discuss the current plans and updated costs with the plan commission and the board.	TOWN HALL/ SHOP DISCUSSION
No operator licenses applications.	OP LICENSES
The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 –All Croix Inspections \$1159 (Constant barn-shed) 2 – Ellsworth Parts City \$216.66 (parts); 3 - The Journal \$358.91 (Board of Review notices); 4 – Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract) 5 - Pierce Pepin Electric \$104 (electric service); 6 – Pierce County Clerk \$68.50 (February and April election expenses); 7 – Pierce County Highway \$936.09 (salt sand) and \$731.37 (salt sand and patching). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)	BILLS
Correspondence included: 1 – Building permit for Donna Constant for accessory garden building and shed; 2 - Pierce County Land Use for Ben Devine (address), permit for Donna Constant septic and garden shed and deck, and Sheldon Huppert renewal of permit for dwelling with attached garage; 3 – no charges as of yet for Companion Animal Center; and 4 – Pierce County Towns meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Oak Grove on Thursday, May 4 th .	CORRES- PONDENCE
Board of Review is Monday, May 8th from 6-8 p.m. Next meeting will be June 5 th at 7:00 p.m.	NEXT MEETINGS
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
Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update**
- **Update on repairing framework and replacing garage doors**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **town hall/town shop discussion**
- **public comment**
- **appointments to ETZ Committee**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **animal issues**
- **Reminder: Board of Review May 8 6-8 p.m.**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

<p>The annual meeting for the Town of Ellsworth was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The meeting notice had been previously published in the March 29th issue of the Pierce County Journal and posted March 20th at the town hall, website, transfer station, Kenny’s Lawton Bar, and 715 Steer and Beer. There were 8 town residents in attendance (Roger Billeter, Brad Ristow, Gordon Borner, Lisa Hines, Phyllis Beastrom, Tim Lorenz, George Grajkowski, and Don Jakes).</p>	<p>2023 ANNUAL MEETING</p>
<p>Chairman Billeter called the meeting to order. Annual meeting minutes from 2022 were read by the clerk. MSC to approve the minutes. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow) Question was asked of Brad Ristow how much of the town has internet fiber and he replied that nearly all of the town residents have access to fiber by their house.</p>	<p>MINUTES</p>
<p>Clerk distributed and reviewed the 2022 financial report and answered questions. MSC to approve the financial report as presented. (Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes).</p>	<p>2022 FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Clerk also distributed a mill rate sheet from the county treasurer website of each municipality’s net mill rates, lottery credit, first dollar credit, assessment ratios, and the last year of revaluation. On the back the clerk had put the town’s millrates for 2022 for the county, town, school, and vo tech and percentage of tax each receives on a tax parcel: county 30.24%, town 18.42 %, School 46.67 % and vocational school 4.67 %.</p>	
<p>Chairman Billeter reported that in 2022: 1 – the bridge on 610th Avenue between Dennis Owen and Terry Young in Section 9 did not need replacing; 2 - 3 culverts on 610th Avenue by Steve Thayer’s in Sections 6, 7,& 8 were replaced and they qualified for county cost sharing; 3 – bids were let for 480th Avenue Road construction and bid was awarded to Mattison Contractors – will be built in 2023. 4 - 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>2022 ROAD WORK</p>
<p>Chairman Billeter reported that in 2023 1 – Mattison Contractors will reconstruct 480th Avenue from El Paso line to 530th Street. The chair will obtain easements from each property owner giving permission to go on the road right of way for construction purposes. 2 – Culvert on 530th Street by Jason O’Neil also needs to be replaced. 3 – will take inventory of bridges and their condition that are not inspected by the county and prioritize their replacement. These bridges currently are not eligible for funding.</p>	<p>2023 ROAD WORK</p>
<p>There was some discussion on the town hall/shop proposal regarding using the current town shop for storage and 2 bay rather than 3 bay shop. Clerk reported Jodi Nelson is no longer at Ayres & Associates but Mark Paschke will check the file and call the clerk.</p>	<p>TOWN HALL/ SHOP DISCUSSION</p>
<p>Next potential road projects could be 410th Avenue from County Rd C west to 710th Street; 490th Avenue from 610th Street to County Rd C; and 610th Avenue from 670th Street and west but this road will be a major project.</p>	<p>POTENTIAL ROAD PROJECT</p>

The next annual meeting will be the third Tuesday of April, on April 16, 2024 at 7 p.m.

NEXT
ANNUAL MTG

There was no other business.

MSC to adjourn.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Tim Lorenz).

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 24, 2023

POSTED

**2022 Financial Report
Town of Ellsworth**

Fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022
Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

Ending December 31, 2022
Lisa M Hines, Treasurer

Balance on Hand January 1, 2022

Checking - CCF	\$22,065.69
LGIP General	\$ 151,088.10
LGIP Machinery	\$ 14,815.21
Cash on Hand	\$ 25.00
Money Market - town fu	\$ 136,004.94
MM - omitted tax	\$ 1,137.86
Money Market - Dec ta	\$ 717,940.17
Money Market - LRIP fu	\$ 314,356.50

Total funds \$1,357,433.47

(total in MM \$1,169,439.47)

\$1,357,433.47

Taxes collected

January collections	\$ 956,329.31
Dec. 2022 collectio	\$ 318,222.28
Managed Forest	\$ 4,362.58
Special charges	\$ 459.44
Lottery Credit	\$ 15,670.43
County user fee	\$ 12,150.00
August Settlement	\$ 144,972.41
2021 delinq prop	\$ 2,703.15
Sales tax (tn share	\$ 9.99
70.43 chargebacks	\$ 412.19
Omitted tax	
Delinq MFL	\$ 326.40

\$ 1,455,618.18

Intergovernmental Revenue

Shared Revenue	\$ 42,283.42
Transportation Aid	\$ 123,004.28
Fire Insurance Due	\$ 6,072.64
county cost share	\$ 13,449.55
MFL Aid	\$ 179.40
Ex Computer Aid	\$ 481.18
Fuel refund	\$ 295.10
TRIP funds	
pers prop aid	\$ 1,189.05
Am. Recovery	\$ 62,277.79
Program Act	

\$ 249,232.41

Licenses

Class B Licenses	\$ 2,400.00
Cigarette Licenses	\$ 20.00
Operator Licenses	\$ 580.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,595.00
Cty Dog License re	\$ 485.70
Dog fines	\$ 100.00

\$ 5,180.70

Permits

Driveway	\$50.00
building permits	\$ 7,420.04
construction bond	\$ 4,500.00
building permits	

\$ 11,970.04

Public charges

Liq Lic Publication	\$ 56.00
Gravel, sand, etc	\$ 9,204.16
Sale refuse bags	\$ 2,573.48
sale metal	\$ 283.60

\$ 12,117.24

Miscellaneous Revenue

Ordinance violations	\$ 39.39
Interest - bank	\$ 1,465.52
Interest - LGIP	\$ 5,591.61
Late charges	\$ 30.30
miscellaneous	
health insurance deduc	\$ 612.00
tax overpayments	\$ 2,887.83
dividends	
loan	
ag use conversion fee	\$ 412.00

\$ 11,038.65

Intergovernmental Charges

Town of El Paso **\$630.00**

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 3,103,220.69

For Your Information

2021 tax levy \$ 484,503.00

Disbursements**Town Board**

Salaries 13,671.55
 Printing, publ 1,166.64
 Assoc dues 1,339.25
 meetings/mileage 588.00
 Planning Commission 240.00
 Legal fees

\$ 17,005.44**Clerk**

Salary \$ 16,147.50
 Office supplies \$ 1,267.70
 Bank fees \$ 15.00
 Computer software \$ 608.98
 Clerk bond \$ 125.00
 internet reimbursemt \$ 420.00

\$ 18,584.18**Elections**

Salaries \$ 2,634.00
 training \$ 366.00
 publishing
 ballots/equip maint \$ 173.93
 rent \$ 1,200.00

\$ 4,373.93**Treasurer**

Salary \$ 6,459.00
 Supplies, postage \$ 1,553.83
 computer software \$ 367.50
 Treasurer Bond \$ 150.00
 internet reimbursemt \$420.00

\$ 8,950.33**Assessor**

Salary \$14,264.64
 assessment exp. \$ 360.78
 Manufac assmt \$ 18.99

\$14,644.41**Other general government**

Tax overpayments \$ 2,887.83
 Liquor lic pub \$ 56.00
 70.43 tax corrections \$ 1,388.46

\$ 4,332.29**Town Hall**

Electricity, phone \$ 269.85
 propane \$ 599.81
 Insurance \$ 529.80
 Building maintenance \$ 23.50
 internet & phone \$ 366.74
 monitor & setup \$ 684.98
 safe \$ 3,697.99

\$ 6,172.67**Insurance**

Highway \$ 10,010.20

\$ 10,010.20**Public Safety****Fire Protection**

Fire Insurance Dues \$ 6,072.64
 Per capita payment \$ 37,844.00

\$ 43,916.64**Ambulance**

Per Capita payment \$ 37,900.91

\$ 37,900.91**Building Inspector**

\$ 6,748.54

\$ 6,748.54**Solid Waste**

Salary \$ 3,468.99
 Refuse Hauling \$ 2,681.32
 Solid Waste dispoal \$ 60.00
 Burn permit \$ 165.00
 Signage
 Bags

\$ 6,375.31**Animal Control**

Goodhue Cty Humane
 dog food
 Dog kennel
 Veterinarian
 Transporting

\$0.00**Highway Maintenance**

Salaries, benefits \$ 96,124.76
 Repairs, parts, supplie: \$ 7,211.02
 Fuel \$ 2,189.59
 equipment

\$ 105,525.37

subtotal this page

\$ 284,540.22

Other Highway

CDL testing/enrollmer	\$	25.00
Mowing- garage	\$	376.78
equipment hire	\$	2,000.00
weed control	\$	799.50
crushed rock & fill	\$	8,126.05
Dust settler	\$	1,177.00
crackfilling	\$	5,671.00
sealcoating	\$	53,989.50
brushing	\$	125.00
sign on truck	\$	225.00
		\$ 72,514.83

Town Garage

Electricity, phone	\$	2,429.42
Propane	\$	6,216.79
Building Maintenance	\$	469.75
internet & phone	\$	41.89
		\$ 9,157.85

Pierce County

crushed rock	\$	26,599.35
blade patching	\$	19,690.61
Salt sand	\$	13,985.84
Patching blacktop	\$	5,915.93
culverts	\$	1,702.50
Parts, repairs	\$	43.69
Signs	\$	1,029.89
bridges	\$	3,812.79
grader overlay		
Safety meeting	\$	31.36
breaker rock	\$	1,023.81
sweeper		
		\$ 73,835.77

Capital Outlay

610th Ave culverts co	\$	26,899.13
4801th Ave engineeri	\$	39,510.00
Bid advertisement	\$	96.45
pickup truck	\$	15,169.50
Broadband-ARPA fun	\$	62,277.79
hall/shop design/plan	\$	9,700.00
		\$ 153,652.87

Ellsworth Schools**\$776,829.92****Chippewa Valley Tech Col****\$ 78,047.20****Pierce County**

Jan-Feb settlement	\$	498,235.15
MFL tax	\$	872.52
User fees	\$	12,150.00
Dog Licenses	\$	556.00
Forest Aid	\$	35.88
Timber yield		
MFL Withdrawal		

\$ 511,849.55**Short term loan**

Interest paid		\$729.99
loan repayment	\$	400,000.00

\$400,729.99

Total from Page 2 \$ 284,540.22

Total from Page 3 \$ 2,076,617.98

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 2,361,158.20**Summary:**

Total Revenue		\$3,103,220.69
Total Disbursements		\$2,361,158.20
		\$742,062.49

Balance on Hand 12-31-2022

Checking CCF	\$	9,650.37
LGIP General	\$	190,939.49
LGIP Machiner Fund	\$	115,458.31
LGIP Town Hall Fund	\$	100,405.48
Cash on Hand	\$	25.00
Money Market - town funds	\$	7,361.56
Money Market - December tax collections	\$	318,222.28
Total funds	\$	742,062.49
(total in MM		\$325,583.84

Payroll Journal - 2022

Name	Net Pay	Med	Soc Sec	Fed	State	Health	Gross	Tn SS	Retirement	Total
Don J	\$ 45,541.44	\$ 809.63	\$ 3,461.85	\$ 3,597.00	\$ 2,426.41	\$6,120.00	\$ 61,956.33	\$ 4,271.48	\$ 6,700.36	\$ 72,928.17
Greg P	\$ 13,759.37	\$ 247.78	\$ 1,059.47	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 496.53		\$ 17,088.15	\$ 1,307.25		\$ 18,395.40
Charles C	\$ 3,743.31	\$ 64.67	\$ 276.52	\$ 263.00	\$ 112.50		\$ 4,460.00	\$ 341.19		\$ 4,801.19
Roger B	\$ 5,079.25	\$ 79.75	\$ 341.00				\$ 5,500.00	\$ 420.75		\$ 5,920.75
Brad R	\$ 3,324.60	\$ 52.20	\$ 223.20				\$ 3,600.00	\$ 275.40		\$ 3,875.40
Gordon B	\$ 3,324.60	\$ 52.20	\$ 223.20				\$ 3,600.00	\$ 275.40		\$ 3,875.40
Paula C	\$5,541.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 372.00				\$ 6,000.00	\$ 459.00		\$ 6,459.00
Phyllis B	\$ 13,456.42	\$ 217.50	\$ 930.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 196.08		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,147.50		\$ 16,147.50
Roger Y	\$ 2,922.72	\$ 45.89	\$ 196.22				\$ 3,164.83	\$ 242.11		\$ 3,406.94
Nathan B	\$ 62.05						\$ 62.05			\$ 62.05
Doug R	\$ 323.22	\$ 5.08	\$ 21.70				\$ 350.00	\$ 26.78		\$ 376.78
	\$ 97,077.98	\$ 1,661.70	\$ 7,105.16	\$ 5,585.00	\$ 3,231.52	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 120,781.36	\$ 8,766.86	\$ 6,700.36	\$ 136,248.58

Name	Total Wage	Highway	Tn Bd	Clerk	Treasurer	Solid W	mowing	
Don J	\$ 72,928.17	\$ 72,928.17						
Greg P	\$ 18,395.40	\$ 18,395.40						
Charley	\$4,801.19	\$ 4,801.19						
Roger B	\$ 5,920.75		\$ 5,920.75					
Brad R	\$ 3,875.40		\$ 3,875.40					
Gordon	\$ 3,875.40		\$ 3,875.40					
Paula	\$ 6,459.00				\$ 6,459.00			
Phyllis	\$ 16,147.50			\$ 16,147.50				
Roger Y	\$ 3,406.94					\$ 3,406.94		
Nathan	\$ 62.05					\$ 62.05		
Doug R	\$ 376.78						\$ 376.78	
Total	\$ 136,248.58	\$ 96,124.76	\$ 13,671.55	\$ 16,147.50	\$ 6,459.00	\$ 3,468.99	\$ 376.78	\$ 136,248.58

ANNUAL MEETING
for the Town of Ellsworth
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall
W6058 490th Avenue

Agenda:

- minutes of 2022 annual meeting
- 2022 financial report
- 2022 road work report
- 2023 proposed road work
- set 2024 annual meeting date
- town hall/shop discussion
- discussion on business to come before the meeting
- adjourn

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

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, April 3, 2023. Meeting notice was posted March 20th at Town Hall, 715 Steer and Beer, Kenny's Lawton Bar and published in the March 29th issue of the Pierce County Journal. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisor Ristow, Treasurer Lisa Hines, and Clerk Beastrom. Supervisor Borner joined the meeting by zoom. Others in attendance were Brad Holmstrom and Tim Lorenz.

**APRIL
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

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

MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

Clerk presented the current financial report: CCF Checking \$21,374.36; LGIP General \$223,873.36; LGIP Machinery \$116,280.10; LGIP town Hall Fund \$101,120.13; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$133,665.16.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MCS to accept the financial report.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Chair Billeter presented the maintenance report: 1 – weight limit signs have been up since the 5th of April; one was run over today at Highway 63 and County Rd G; 2 - new tires put on the 2017 truck; 3 - oil barrels have been filled; 4 – received quotes for fixing the overhead doors; 5 – have been patching.

**ROAD
WORK**

Chair signed the road contract with Mattison Contractors on March 14th and it was submitted to Mark Peterson at Ayres Associates.

**480TH AVE RD
CONSTRUCTION**

Supervisor Ristow requested maintenance take an inventory of all bridges having road depth of 19 feet or less, put location on a map, evaluate condition, take pictures, and prioritize those needing attention, These bridges currently do not qualify for funding, but if funding becomes available for replacing these bridges, we need to be ready to apply.

**BRIDGE
INVENTORY**

Bids for repairing garage doors: Oakvale Builders proposal #1 \$4200 for beam enforcement to repair broken concrete on east garage doors; Proposal 2 \$3350 to prepare framing for R&R Overhead for door replacement; R&R Overhead proposal for three doors \$12,325.83. Total for Oakvale and RR proposals \$19,878.85. Second bid from Brenner's Overhead Garage for installation of 3 doors: \$15,425.77.

**BIDS FOR
GARAGE DOORS**

MSC to have Oakvale Builders and R&R Overhead repair door openings and replace the 3 garage doors.

(Motion by Brad Ristow seconded by Gordon Borner)

No other roadwork or driveway applications.

ROADWORK

A certified Survey map for Schroeder Family Properties LLC had been submitted for board review. This CSM with all the buildings (house, barn, sheds, grain bins) at W5048 State Rd 72 separates the buildings from the agriculture lands. Currently this is zoned general rural flex and if usage changes, it may need to be rezoned.

**CSM
W5048 STATE
RD 72**

MSC to approve the CSM as presented.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

MSC to reappoint Christopher (Kit) Feuerhelm and Gary Nelson to the Plan Commission for a three year term to expire April 2026

PLAN
COMMISSION

No public comment.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

MSC to issue operator license to Tayler R Whipple.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Roger Billeter)

OPERATOR
LICENSE

Clerk will invite Jodi Nelson from Ayres Associates to the May 1 Town Board meeting to review the town hall/shop design. Discussion on Town hall/shop is also on the April 18th annual meeting agenda.

TOWN HALL/
SHOP
DISCUSSION

The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 – Bauer Built \$1848.75 (tires on 2017 truck); 2 – Consumer Cooperative \$82.31 (gasoline); 3 – Chippewa Valley Energy \$ 1788.28 (diesel fuel); 4 – Ellsworth Parts City \$ 31.98 (parts); 5 – The Journal \$14.35 (publishing) 6 – Owen Assessing \$778.80 (\$660 assessing contract & \$118.80 postage for assessment notices; 7 – Pierce Pepin Electric \$97.00 (electric service); 8 – Walz Ace Hardware \$ 16.58 (parts); 9 Wisconsin Town Association \$ 1031.55 (dues).
MSC to pay bills.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

BILLS

Clerk reported the website has been updated and Animal Control contacts are also on the website.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

Clerk also noted the first draft of the comprehensive plan based on the town's demographics and proposed goals has been submitted by Christopher Holtkamp and he would like a meeting to review the draft, review maps, and discuss future steps in revising the comprehensive plan. April 25th was suggested for the date. Clerk will check with plan commission and Mr. Holtkamp,

Annual meeting will be April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT
MEETINGS

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
Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

at the Town Hall

W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth

AGENDA:

- **call to order**
- **minutes**
- **financial report**
- **road work report**
- **480th Ave road construction update**
- **Review bids for reframing and replacing three overhead garage doors and repairing concrete**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **review CSM for Schroeder Family Properties**
- **appointments to plan commission**
- **public comment**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **town hall/town shop discussion**
- **animal issues**
- **town annual meeting April 18 7:00 p.m.**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, March 6, 2023. Meeting notice was posted February 24th at Town Hall, 715 Steer and Beer, Kenny's Lawton Bar and published in the March 1st issue of the Pierce County Journal. Notice posted at town hall was amended March 3, 2023. Present were Chair Billeter, Supervisor Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beastron, Maintenance Don Jakes. Others in attendance were Todd and Tammy Shaw, Kit Feuerhelm, Gary Nelson and Tim Lorenz.

**MARCH
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MIINUTES**

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

MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

The clerk presented a summary of the 2022-2023 tax collections. The town had received \$273,460 from town levy and MFL taxes. In April the town will receive \$13,958.54 for lottery credit and in August, settlement of \$127,894.41. The treasurer had collected 65.41% of the 2022 tax roll. One personal property tax remains unpaid.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

The current financial report: CCF Checking \$ 22,714.45; LGIP General \$223,873.36; LGIP Machinery \$116,280.10; LGIP town Hall Fund \$101,120.13; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$187,709.31. The town had received \$436 Workmen's Comp refund for 2022-2023; and \$643.40 from Ellsworth School District for Section 70.43 tax chargeback. Clerk had paid GFL for trash hauling for January and February.
MCS to accept the financial report.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Maintenance reported: 1 – will put gravel in dip on 410th Avenue; 2- have been plowing and sanding; 3 – getting the weight limit signs ready to put up.

**ROAD
WORK**

Have not heard anything from Ayres Engineering regarding the 480th Avenue road project. The project should be done this summer after school is out and before school resumes again in August. Chair Billeter said he would start visiting the property owners and getting signed easements when it warms up.

480TH AVE

No bids received for reframing and replacing garage doors as they want to re-measure. Tabled to next month.

**BIDS FOR
GARAGE DOORS**

No other roadwork.

ROADWORK

Schroeder Family Properties LLC submitted a driveway application off 570th Avenue, to the east of the farm buildings in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 13. Chair and maintenance will check the location in the morning.
MSC to approve the driveway subject to site test and culvert needs.
(Motion by Roger Billeter, seconded by Gordon Borner)
Note: Driveway approved on March 7, 2023 and requires 21 inch culvert and the town requests wide driveway to prevent semi trucks from damaging shoulder.

DRIVEWAY

7:30 p.m. Todd and Tammy Shaw submitted documentation and addressed the constant barking, day and night, from the dogs at N4376 County Rd DD, Kevin Bryniarski's. The barking is very disturbing, disruptive, and can be heard inside their home when windows are closed. Kit Feuerhelm confirmed the barking issues as he can hear the

**BARKING
DOGS
CONTRACT
WITH**

<p>constant barking when he is outside. Brit Harmon from Companion Animal Control assured the board that Companion Animal Control can resolve this issue. MSC the town contract with Companion Animal Control for all dog issues at cost of \$40 a month. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter).</p>	<p>COMPANION ANIMAL CONTROL</p>
<p>Tim Lorenz had looked at the website and suggested it be updated.</p>	<p>WEBSITE</p>
<p>Clerk reviewed the conversation from the February 20th meeting establishing the roles and responsibilities of the Plan Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan Commission will be on the building committee along with the town board in regards to considering/building a town hall/shop • Plan Commission will review Conditional Use Permits, CSM's, rezone requests, all Planned Development housing areas presented to the town • they will meet the third Monday of the month if they have any issues to consider 	<p>PLAN COMMISSION ROLE AND RESPONSI- BILITES</p>
<p>The board present affirmed this conversation so it will be posted on the website.</p>	
<p>Clerk reported that Christopher Holtkamp had inquired about the proposed goals so clerk e-mailed him the amended goals. He will review and get back to us if he has any questions; other wise he will proceed with the text. He also wants to review land use maps.</p>	<p>COMP PLAN PROPOSED GOALS</p>
<p>No operator or provision license application.</p>	<p>OP LICENSES</p>
<p>Monday May 8 from 6-8 p.m. was set for Board of Review. The assessor asked to have Open Book on April 18th but that is the Town Annual meeting. Clerk will contact assessor. (Note: Open Book will be April 18th from 5-7 p.m. - prior to the annual meeting)</p>	<p>OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: 1 – Ellsworth Area Ambulance \$36,510.97 (per capita assessment for 2023 - \$32.57 x 1121 population); 2 – GFL \$290.66 (March refuse collection); 3 – Owen Assessing \$660 (assessing contract); 4 – Pierce Pepin Electric \$108 (electric service); 5 – Swift Current \$74.23 (internet and phone); 6 – Phyllis Beastron \$547.50 (payroll software; monthly payroll charge). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter).</p>	<p>BILLS</p>
<p>Correspondence included: 1 – Board of Review Training – Gordon Borner and Roger Billeter will attend. Clerk will send in registration. 2 – Safety meeting for maintenance employees will be April 27th; 3 – Building permits from All Croix Inspections - Gary Regenscheid (basement remodel) and Peter Zachau (pole shed); and from Pierce County address sign for Kelly and Diane McCoy.</p>	<p>CORRES PONDENCE</p>
<p>Annual meeting will be April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Agenda could include discussion on town hall/shop. Next board meeting April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETINGS</p>
<p>MSC to adjourn (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter).</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk

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- **7:30 review barking dogs complaints**
- **Town action – agreement with Companion Animal Control LLC or attorney**
- **public comment**
- **discuss/establish plan commission role/function and responsibilities**
- **review proposed/amended goals for updating comprehensive plan**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **set date and hours for Open Book and Board of Review**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **town hall/town shop discussion**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, February 6, 2023. Meeting notice was posted January 23 and updated February 5th, and was published in the February 1st issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beastro) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present as well as members of the Plan Commission (Kit Feuerhelm, John Huber, Adam Johnson and Gary Nelson). Others in attendance from the town were George Grajkowski, Jack O'Neil, and Sheldon Huppert, and from the Pierce County ATV Association Mark Kinneman and Gary Huppert.

**FEBRUARY
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

The minutes of the January special meeting, caucus, and town board meeting had been previously distributed and were available at the meeting.

MSC to accept the Town Board minutes as presented.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

MSC to accept the Special Town Meeting minutes as presented.

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

The clerk presented the financial report: CCF Checking \$ 12,572.75; LGIP General \$222,298.47; LGIP Machinery \$115,485.31; LGIP town Hall Fund \$100,405.48; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$858,727.04 primarily tax funds. The town had received \$484 Workmen's Comp refund for 2021-2022; \$24.39 dividend from Eau Claire Coop Oil Co; and \$64.65 from Chippewa Valley Technical College for Section 70.43 tax chargeback. Also received today the LGIP January statement showing interest rate of 4.26% and total interest earned of \$1579 –not reflected in the LGIP accounts listed above.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MCS to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 – put gravel in dip on 610th Street; 2- have been plowing and sanding, winging, scraping ice off roads; 3 – don't have bids yet for garage door frame repair and replacements of doors; 4 – did some machinery repairs last week.

**ROAD
WORK**

Clerk reported Mark Peterson from Ayres Engineering had inquired if the town awarded the bid to Mattison Contractors and she had told him yes. Clerk will prepare the easement documents for the chair.

480TH AVE

No bids received for reframing and replacing garage doors as they want to re-measure. Tabled to next month.

**BIDS FOR
GARAGE DOORS**

No other roadwork.

No driveway permit applications.

DRIVEWAY

Brad Ristow reported on the Ellsworth Ambulance Association: 1 - they are updating the joint agreement between the municipalities, 2 – Feuerhelm-Langer has been retained to do their financial work and 3 – they are planning to have another fundraiser with the winner of the drawing receiving an ATV.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

No other public comment.

<p>Discussed potential role and responsibilities of the Plan Commission. Clerk had sent an inquiry to Andy Pichotta from Land Management as to what responsibilities the plan commission would have in towns that are under county zoning and he responded primarily to review conditional use plans and proposed rezones and advise the board of their decision regarding such requests, but the Town Board makes the final decision. Clerk will send inquiry to town clerks and inquire of the responsibilities of their plan commission.</p>	<p>PLAN COMMISSION ROLE AND RESPONSI- BILITES</p>
<p>Board received the Comprehensive Plan Demographics report presented at the December 5th meeting. Regarding the proposed goals for the town’s comprehensive plan, a meeting was set for February 20th at 6:30 p.m. for the Plan Commission and the Town Board to review/update/revise the proposed town goals.</p>	<p>COMP PLAN DEMOGRAPHICS & PROPOSED GOALS</p>
<p>No operator or provision license application.</p>	<p>OP LICENSES</p>
<p>MSC to eliminate the statement about 40 mile per hour speed limit in ATV-UTV Ordinance 2023-1 and adopt as amended. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner) Clerk will eliminate that statement, the chair and clerk will sign the ordinance, it will be posted this week and sent to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office and the DNR.</p>	<p>ATV-UTV ORDINANCE 2023-1</p>
<p>Treasurer Lisa Hines began the Town Treasurer duties in December and should be compensated for and mailing the taxes, ordering the tax list, and December collections. MSC to compensate Lisa Hines \$1000 for the December Treasurer responsibilities.</p>	<p>COMPENSATE TREASURER FOR DECEMBER</p>
<p>The following bills were reviewed for payment: Helmer Printing \$45.69 for Town Seal; Ellsworth Fire Association \$39,594.00 (2023 Fire services); Chippewa Valley Energy \$3,173.89 (winter fuel as that is not included in pre-paid contract); Ellsworth Parts City \$29.99 (parts); Lisa Hines \$55.20 (additional postage); Owen Assessing \$660 (month fee); Pierce Pepin Electric \$143.00 (electricity); Swift Current \$74.23 (internet and phone); Pierce County Journal \$552.39 (\$57.09 meeting notices and \$495.30 notice for absentee voting – cost will be split with all municipalities who participated in ad). MSC to pay bills. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>BILLS</p>
<p>Correspondence included: 1 – Alcivia has sold its convenience stores to Consumers Cooperative in Saux City, WI and clerk will complete the credit card application for gas purchases); 2 – Town received two CSM’s for residents Gary and Rose Leonard and Ed Rohl; 3 – reminder notice from DNR that MFL rates change every 5 years and new rates will apply to 2023 tax rolls; 4 – Clerk filed the No Injuries report with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development 5 – Town of River Falls has invited the town to participate in pollinator friendly habitats for roadsides; 6 – the county held the Conditional Use Permit hearing to Kelly and Diane McCoy on February 1st; 7 – chair had attended the fire department annual meeting and they are budgeting for a new truck.</p>	<p>CORRES PONDENCE</p>
<p>Dog belonging to Donna Larson’s daughter was running and was returned to Donna Larson; Chair Billeter shared his experiences with Brandon Truesdill’s Great Pyrenees. Complaint has been made regarding Kevin Bryniarski barking dogs.</p>	<p>ANIMAL ISSUES</p>

Meeting February 20th at 6:30 for Plan Commission and Town Board to discuss role of Plan Commission, review goals for Comprehensive Plan, and review town hall/shop building proposal.

NEXT MTG

Next Board meeting will be Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Agenda to include role and function of plan commission; review bids for framing and replacing three garage doors, town hall/shop discussion. Board Member Ristow will be out of town for a meeting.

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

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- **approve driveway permits**
- **public comment**
- **discuss plan commission role/function and responsibilities see WI stats 60.62(4a), 60.62(4e)**
- **receive demographics report for town**
- **grant operator and provisional licenses**
- **discussion and possible adoption of Ordinance 2023-1 repealing Ordinance 2008-4 All Terrain Vehicles and subsequent amendments and adopting Wisconsin Statute 23.33 for the rules and operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles**
- **approve bills**
- **correspondence**
- **town hall/town shop discussion**
- **animal issues**
- **next meeting date**
- **adjourn**

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, January 9, 2023 following the 6:45 p.m. caucus. Meeting notice was posted December 28 and updated January 5, and was published in the December 28th and January 4th issues of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Lisa Hines, Clerk Beaström) and Maintenance Don Jakes were present as well Barry Foy, Tim Lorenz, Sheldon Huppert, Dennis Skarman, George Grajkowski and Adam Johnson.

**JANUARY
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MIINUTES**

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

MSC to accept the minutes as presented.

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

The clerk presented the December 31, 2022 financial report: CCF Checking \$ 9,650.37; LGIP General \$190,939.49; LGIP Machinery \$115,485.31; LGIP town Hall Fund \$100,405.48; cash on hand \$25; and CCF Money Market \$325,583.84 of which \$7,361.56 is town funds, the remainder being tax collections. Total of town funds at the end of the year \$423,840.21.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

The clerk also presented the January 9th financial report: checking \$7,011.53; LGIP General \$222,298.47 to which \$31,358.98 in first quarter transportation funds had been deposited. Amounts in LGIP Machinery and LGIP Town Hall fund same as above.

Total in CCF Money Market \$736,390.38.

MSC to accept the financial report.

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

Maintenance reported: 1 - wing is on the grader; 2- cable broke on west overhead door on east building and was repaired by R&R Overhead. The door frames need to be replaced and new doors installed on three overhead doors. 3 – have been plowing, sanding, and scraping ice and snow.

**ROAD
WORK**

The 480th Avenue Road Construction Bids have been confirmed by Ayres Engineering: Mattison Contractors \$387,207.19; Haas Sons Inc. \$389,889.94; Antczak Construction Inc., \$403,773.29 and Stout Construction LLC \$449,757.34.

**480TH AVE
BIDS**

MSC to award the 480th Avenue Road Construction bid to Mattison Contractors with lowest bid of \$387,207.19.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

At 7:30 p.m. the board heard from Diane and Kelly McCoy requesting a conditional use permit for their Farm and Home Antiques business on their property zoned as Primary Agriculture. County Code 240-36D permits such a business. They are using buildings they currently have on their land for their business. They are open Thursday through Saturday April through October; closed in July. Although they have not had traffic congestion on their driveway, they have created a circle driveway to alleviate cars meeting on their driveway. They will no longer have their business signs in the road right of way. Their business co-exists with agriculture and preserves the rural character of the town. They use Facebook and “word of mouth” to promote their business.

**DIANE &
KELLY
MCCOY
HOME
BASED
BUSINESS**

MSC to approve conditional use permit.

Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner.

No driveway permit applications. DRIVEWAY

Dennis Skarman inquired if there's any action from the Village ETZ to have his property rezoned properly in the ETZ. The Village has assured the Town they will address not only this issue, but other issues of conflict in their ETZ ordinance as soon as they can. We will certainly keep him posted on any meetings. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk withdrew the need for another meeting display case as meeting notices are being posted in 3 places as well as on the website and in the paper so town meeting notices often exceed the meeting notification requirements. MEETING NOTICES

No operator licenses.

Board discussed adopting WI States 23.33 All Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles for the rules and operation of said vehicles. Discussed setting 40 mph speed limit. Ordinance to repeal the current ordinance and adopt WI Stats 23.33 could be adopted at the next meeting. ATV-UTV

The following bills were reviewed for payment: Ayres Engineering \$4390.00; Ellsworth Fire Services \$39,594.00; Helmer Printing \$399.50 (tax list); Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract); Pierce County Drug and Alcohol consortium \$35.00 (Don Jakes enrollment fee); R&R Overhead \$317.00 (garage door repair); Swift Current \$51.97 (internet, phone); Walz Hardware \$20.98 (parts and supplies). MSC to pay bills. BILLS
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).

Correspondence included: 1 – District meeting Saturday, February 25 in Eau Claire. Clerk will register the 3 board members. 2 – Land use permit from Pierce County Land Management for Schroeder Family Properties for a grain bin. CORRESPONDENCE

No animal issues. ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. Agenda to include role and function of plan commission; ATV & UTV Ordinance; review bids for framing and replacing three garage doors, town hall/shop discussion. NEXT MTG

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

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

The caucus for the Town of Ellsworth was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. The caucus notice had been previously posted December 12 at the town hall, website, 715 Steer and Beer, and Lawton Bar and published in the December 28th and January 4th issues of the Pierce County Journal. There were 10 town residents present (Roger Billeter, Brad Ristow, Gordon and Julie Borner, Lisa Hines, Don Jakes, Barry Foy, Sheldon Huppert, Tim Lorenz and Phyllis Beastrom).

CAUCUS

Chair Roger Billeter called the caucus to order and explained the purpose of the meeting and asked Barry Foy to chair the caucus.

CALL TO ORDER
CAUCUS CHAIR

Clerk reported that guidelines have changed and the clerk is also the Caucus Clerk.

CAUCUS CLERK

Nominations opened for Town Chair to succeed Roger Billeter.

Roger Billeter was nominated.

MSC that nominations close.

(Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes)

NOMINATIONS
FOR
CHAIR

Nominations opened for Supervisor #1 to succeed Brad Ristow.

Brad Ristow was nominated

MSC that nominations close.

(Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes)

NOMINATIONS
FOR
SUPERVISOR

Nominations opened for Supervisor #2 to succeed Gordon Borner.

Gordon Borner was nominated.

MSC that nominations close.

(Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes)

NOMINATIONS
FOR
SUPERVISOR

Nominations opened for Treasurer to succeed Lisa Hines.

Lisa Hines was nominated.

MSC to close nominations.

(Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes)

NOMINATIONS
FOR
TREASURER

Nominations opened for Clerk to succeed Phyllis Beastrom.

Phyllis Beastrom was nominated.

MSC that nominations close.

(Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes)

NOMINATIONS
FOR
CLERK

MSC to adjourn caucus.

(Motion by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Don Jakes)

ADJOURN
CAUCUS

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

Following the adjournment of the caucus, all nominees completed and filed with the clerk the candidacy and required election papers to be placed on the ballot.

A Special Town Meeting of the electors of the Town of Ellsworth was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall. The purpose of the meeting was to review salary for the town board, specifically for the position of the town chair. The meeting notice had been posted December 12, 2022 at the town hall, website, 715 Steer and Beer and Kenny's Lawton Bar and published in the December 28th and January 4th issues of the Pierce County Journal.

**SPECIAL
TOWN
MEETING**

**JANUARY 9,
2023**

There were 8 town residents present: Barry Foy, Sheldon Huppert, Tim Lorenz, Roger Billeter, Brad Ristow, Gordon Borner, Lisa Hines, Phyllis Beastrom. The clerk reminded all that this is a meeting of all town electors and anyone can speak, make motions, and vote.

RE:
Salary of town
chair

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

CALL TO
ORDER

The clerk distributed a chart of town board salaries from 1979 to current. Barry Foy addressed the town chair salary as it used to be significantly higher than the supervisors because of the chair's supervisory roles, being on call 24/7, animal issues, and complaints. The chart indicated that from 1979 to 1991 the chair salary was double the supervisor salary.

CHART OF
SALARIES
FROM 1979-
CURRENT

Motion by Barry Foy to increase the yearly salary of the town chair to \$7200 which would be double the supervisor salary of \$3600, effective after the April 4 election. Seconded by Tim Lorenz. There was lots of discussion. Gordon Borner called the question.

MOTION TO
INCREASE
CHAIR
SALARY
TO \$7200

Chair asked for a voice vote on closing discussion. Motion carried.

Chair asked for a voice vote on raising the town chair salary to \$7200, effective after the April 4th election.

Motion carried.

MSC to adjourn. Motion by Barry Foy, seconded by Sheldon Huppert. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk

TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

January 9, 2023

All meeting held at Town Hall

(W6058 490th Ave)

- 1. 6:30 p.m. A Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Ellsworth will meet at the town Hall (W6058 490th Ave) for review and possible action on Salary for town board members for 2023-2025 term**
- 2. 6:45 p.m. The TOWN CAUCUS will convene for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the April 4, 2023 ballot for the positions of Town chair, supervisors, clerk and treasurer**