

<p>The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00.at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted March 22, 2024 at the town hall, website, Kenny’s Lawton Bar, and published in the March 27th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Hines, Clerk Beastro) were present as well as Maintenance Don Jakes and town residents Scott Hines, Sheldon Huppert, Barry Foy, George Grajkowski, and Tim Lorenz.</p>	<p>APRIL BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER MINUTES</p>
<p>The minutes of the March had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting. MSC to accept the minutes. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)</p>	
<p>Clerk presented current financial report: checking \$9,375.7; LGIP General \$36,470.14; LGIP Machinery \$122,470.82; LGIP town Hall Fund \$106,503.74; Cash on hand \$25. Money Market \$183,419.87. MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).</p>	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>
<p>Sheldon Huppert inquired about renewing his building permit and wondered with which building inspector. Since he had started with All Croix Inspections, he should continue until completed. He was also concerned about his \$1500 road deposit as his heavy truck construction is complete, the road is in good shape and he expects receiving his road deposit in full. Barry Foy also commented about the heavy truck traffic on 450th Avenue and Chair stated he would contact WTA to see what can be done.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>Maintenance Don Jakes reported they have been patching, brushing, getting furnace bids, had new tires put on the pickup.</p>	<p>ROAD WORK</p>
<p>Don also reported the county estimate to replace all the signs with reflective signs would be \$22,995.60. To replace the oldest signs would be \$11,149.93. The board asked to see the report.</p>	<p>TOWN SIGNS</p>
<p>Chair had reviewed the furnace bids and asked maintenance to order the furnace from Comfort by Designs.</p>	<p>FURNACE</p>
<p>Have not heard anything about 490th Ave funding or if state has revealed road projects that will receive funding.</p>	<p>490th AVE ROAD PROJECT</p>
<p>Clerk had distributed prior to the meeting the advertisement for the patrolman position. MSC the Town move forward with advertising and posting the job description for the patrolman position. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)</p>	<p>SECOND FULL TIME EMPLOYEE</p>
<p>Chair Billeter met with Don Schroeder regarding future expansion including certified scale and increased truck traffic on 570th Ave and 530th Street to Highway 72. The increased truck traffic would qualify these two miles as an AGRIP project. Chair will contact Mark Peterson at Ayres and request AGRIP paperwork to compile potential data for the project.</p>	<p>OTHER ROAD WORK AGRIP</p>
<p>Clerk suggested the town purchase a waterproof container to have at the shop for deliveries instead of deliveries to her home.</p>	<p>DELIVERY CONTAINER</p>

Maintenance Jakes will attend the April 25 th Pierce County Highway safety meeting for town and county employees.	SAFETY MEETING
No driveway applications to consider.	DRIVEWAYS
There were no operator license applications.	OPERATOR LIC
Terms expiring on the Plan Commission are Adam Johnson and Godon Borner. Clerk will check with Adam Johnson to see if he's interested in continuing on the Plan commission. Gordon Borner indicated he would continue to serve on Plan Commission.	PLAN COMMISSION
Posting Board at the Town Shop is made for 4 postings but the clerk has had 6-8 postings this month for meeting, annual meeting, open book and board of review, maintenance position, clerk position, building inspection firm and ordinance update, and sheriff posted a Sheriff's Sale notice.	POSTINGS
WI Stats 19.84 amended 2019 and effective April 2020 states town are to provide meeting notices to the public by either: 1) posting the notice in at least 3 physical locations, 2) posting the notice in at least 1 physical location and placing an electronic notice on the municipality website, <i>or</i> 3) paying to publish the notice in a newspaper likely to give notice to people in your area.	
Clerk will search for larger posting board.	
The following bills were reviewed for payment: Companion Animal Control \$480 (yearly fee); Comfort by Design \$211 (checking old furnace); Consumer Cooperative \$62.41 (gasoline); GFL \$284.69 (refuse hauling); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$114.00 (electricity); Swift Current \$75.92 (phone and internet); Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract); Pierce County Journal \$208.29 (publishing for elections, meetings, Board of Review); Pierce County Highway \$16,819.56 (crushed rock); Phyllis Beastrom \$697.36 (Quickbook subscription \$684.70 & payroll \$12.66). (MSC to pay the bills. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).	BILLS
Correspondence: 1 – address replacement sign for Diane McCoy; 2 – Notice from Pierce County Land Management of a public hearing on April 3 rd on the Pierce Couty Outdoor Recreation Plan 2024-2028; 3 – Timber cutting notice for Kathy Flanigan in W ½ of NE-SE Section 8; 4 – Notice from All Croix Inspection of ETZ permits for Ellsworth Country Club (commercial pole shed); Rifle Range (garden shed) and Kathy Wahrenbrock (shed). Building permits to be obtained from TIF Inspections.	CORRE-SPONDENCE
Animal issues: None	ANIMALS
Next meeting will be Monday, May 6 th at 7 p.m. Board of Review is May 8 th from 7-9 p.m.	NEXT MTG
MSC to adjourn (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).	ADJOURN
Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk	