

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting notice had been posted May 24, 2024 at the town hall, website, Kenny's Lawton Bar, and published in the May 28th issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Hines, Clerk Beastrom) were present as well as Maintenance Don Jakes and town residents Barry Foy, Tim Lorenz, George Grajkowski and Sheldon Huppert.

**JUNE
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

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

MSC to accept the minutes.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Clerk presented current financial report: checking \$51,181.80; LGIP General \$69,463.81; LGIP Machinery \$123,572.55; LGIP town Hall Fund \$107,461.83; Cash on hand \$25. Money Market \$115,157.37. MSC to accept the financial report. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

George Grajkowski questioned the board discussing town hall issue since the residents have spoken.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Maintenance Don Jakes reported they have been patching, applied 240 T blade patching and 10 T smear patching; shouldering, sprayed and Simanski picked up steel at the transfer station. The No Thru Trucks signs have not come in yet. The new mower will be delivered tomorrow.

**ROAD
WORK**

Chair met with Mark Peterson from Ayres last Friday to review the 490th Avenue plans. Ditch to the west of Lon Huppert's is steep so chair met with Mr. Huppert and received verbal approval to enter his property to slope the ditch. Chair also believe the town should add driveway off 490th Avenue as access to the property owned by 715 Investments. Ayres is waiting to hear from DNR for this project. Ayres will have the project ready to submit for bids soon. Clerk will contact Mark Peterson and request the bid when ready as it needs to be published for two consecutive weeks. Bid opening has been set for July 11 at 9 a.m.

**490th AVE ROAD
PROJECT**

Clerk spoke with Raynee at CCF Bank and they will work with us on this project.

**LINE OF
CREDIT**

No additional information for ARIP program.

**ARIP
PROGRAM**

Maintenance reported there are 8-10 night reflective signs that need replacing. He was instructed to report on cost next meeting.

**SIGN
REFLECTIVITY**

Discussed price for driveway applications. Clerk will survey other clerks.

DRIVEWAY

Tim Westerberg has been hired for the patrolman position and will begin June 17. Supervisor Ristow asked if there are training and safety forms he would sign verifying training on various topics. Our town does not have any – clerk will inquire of other towns.

**MAINTENANCE
POSITION**

MSC to issue Class “B” Malt Beverage and “Class B” Liquor Licenses to Ellsworth Country Club, Kasey Christopherson, Agent; Kelly Pruitt Inc., Shane Pruitt agent; and Kenneth Lasley dba Kenny’s Lawton Bar.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

CLASS “B” AND
“CLASS B”
LIQUOR
LICENCES

MSC to issue cigarette license to Kenneth Lashley dba Kenny’s Lawton Bar.
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

CIGARETTE
LICENSES

MSC to issue operator licenses to those who have completed the beverage server course: Sheryl Hirman and Emma Gehring (Kelly Pruitt dba Shady Grove); Jessica Corey, Brianna Davis, Alison Deiss, Ashley Jensen, Carissa Kircher-Zimmerman, Rebecca Lane, Abbey Myers, and Carter Schutz (Ellsworth Country Club) and Amanda Block, Annette Carpenter, Tracie Thorn-Buelow, Betty Humphrey, Brenda Meixner, Lisa Shonkweiler, Patricia Y; Debra Zimmerman (Kenny’s Lawton Bar).
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)
Those who need to complete beverage server course are Lucas Albarado, Chad Melstrom, and Elynn Shonkweiler.

OPERATOR
LICENSES

Board discussed next step for continuing the process of appointing town clerk. Clerk will bring resolution to be adopted for continuing this process to the next meeting.

CLERK
POSITION

Board members discussed bringing vendors to discuss scanning the town records.

SCAN RECORDS

The following bills were reviewed for payment: 4 Block Inc \$720.90 (weed spray); Ag Partners \$509.98 (DOT seed mix); Ayres Associates \$9,375.00 490th Ave engineering; Consumer Cooperative \$128.57 (gasoline); County Wide Extinguisher \$215.50 (annual inspections); GFL \$309.42 (refuse hauling); Luhmann’s \$1596.00 (dust settler); Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services \$86.00 (electricity); Swift Current \$74.31 (phone and internet); Owen Assessing \$660.00 (assessing contract); Pierce County Journal \$216.69 (meeting notices); Pierce County Highway \$1221.85 (safety meeting, sweeping, bridge inspections); Wisconsin County Towns Association \$50.00 (biennial fee).
(MSC to pay the bills.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

BILLS

Board had toured the 715 Investments burned building – no record of septic with county, status of well unknown; lower property would be nice for town to own for future building site; asking \$260,000 for the property and town could easily spend another half million in clean up and reconstruction costs and still have an old building. Concensus of board to not proceed with purchasing this property as its too costly.

PRO’S &
CON’S OF
PURCHASING
715 INVESTMTS
PROPERTY

Correspondence: 1 – for the board to review, a CSM lot of 10 acres reconfigured into 3 lots in the SE ¼ of NE ¼ of NW ¼ Section 8 for Jason Szymanski; 2 – ETZ permits approved for Charles Pearson and Bruce Naumann (decks) and Levi Kuesel (raze building); 3 – complete transfer of 12 acres MFL lands to Cindy Weamer, Anita Jo Webster, and Keith Webster; 4 - Notice of school board officers after April election. 5 – State Rd 65 between Ellsworth and River Falls will be closed in 2026 for reconstruction of bridge; Highways 29 and 63 will be official detour. 6 – culverts will be replaced on Highway 10 between Ellsworth and Durand – road will remain open during replacement. 7 – the annual certification of road miles will come by paper this

CORRES-
PONDENCE

year but in future it will come electronically and either the clerk or chair can certify the miles.

Animal issues: Chair received call about 2 dogs, but they were not in our town.

ANIMALS

Next meeting will be Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

NEXT MTG

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

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastrom, Clerk