

TOWN OF ELLSWORTH MEETING NOTICES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings to be held at the Ellsworth Town Hall (W6058 490th Ave)

1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH will be held. All persons are encouraged to attend this hearing and be heard. A summary of the budget is posted at the Town Hall and on the Town Website and is available by appointment at the clerk's office.

2. A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING will be held immediately following the public hearing for the following purposes:

- To consider the adoption of a resolution by the electors at the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under s. 66.0602 of Wis. Statutes, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy of \$418,319 for 2024, after adjustments, by 18%, for a dollar increase of \$75,297.42.
- Pursuant to WI Stats 60.10(1)(a) to consider the resolution of the Town Electors to adopt the total town tax levy to be collected in 2025 in the amount of \$493,616.

3. Immediately following the Special Town Meeting the board will hold its regular monthly meeting.

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**
- **update on 490th Ave LRIP project and line of credit**
- **David and Mary Lewien requesting speed control due to amount of traffic and speed on 490th Avenue**
- **other road work**
- **approve driveway permits**
- **update on storage unit office - permit**
- **Approve the 2025 budget for the Town of Ellsworth**
- **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 10/24/2024

Any agenda changes will be posted at the town hall

The 2025 budget hearing for the Town of Ellsworth was called to order by Chairman Roger Billeter at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024 at the town hall. The budget hearing notice had been previously published in the October 16th, October 23rd, and October 30th issues of the Pierce County Journal and was posted October 16th at the town hall, Kenny's Lawton Bar, and the town website. There were 21 town residents present: Deb Ristow, George Grajkowski, Tim Lorenz, Katie Mazac, Brian O'Connell, Don Jakes, Donna and Ken Larson, John Huber, Sheldon Huppert, Warren Fox, Mary and David Lewien, Julie Borner, Clair Severson, Barry Foy, Roger Billeter, Brad Ristow, Phyllis Beastron, Lisa Hines, and Gordon Borner.

2025
BUDGET
HEARING

The clerk reviewed the 2025 proposed budget and asked for questions. Clerk noted that because of the complicated town levy formula, the allowable town levy for 2024 was an increase of \$155 dollars (2023 levy \$418,164 and the allowable 2024 levy \$418,319). The board passed Resolution 2024-1 on October 7, 2024 proposing to exceed the levy limit for 2024, to be collected in 2025 by 18%, which would increase the town levy by \$75,297.42 for a total tax levy of \$493,616.42. She also noted that if this proposed levy is approved by the town electors, this will become our base levy for 2025.

BUDGET
REVIEW

The clerk stated that last year the rate for the town levy was \$2.75 per \$1000 value and the levy for 2024 with the proposed increase will be \$3.25 per \$1000. A sheet comparing neighboring town levies was also distributed.

CLOSE
HEARING

MSC to close the budget hearing.
(Motion by Barry Foy, seconded by Brian O'Connell).

Immediately following the budget hearing, Chairman Billeter called the special town meeting of the electors for the Town of Ellsworth to order. The special town meeting of the electors was publicized for November 4, 2024 for the following purposes:

SPECIAL
TOWN
MEETING

1 – To consider the adoption of a resolution by the electors at the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under s.66.0602 of WI Statutes, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy of \$418,319 for 2024, after adjustments, by 18%, for a dollar increase of \$75,297.42.

2 – To approve the 2024 total town tax levy to be collected in 2025 pursuant to s.60.10(1)(a) of WI Statutes in the amount of \$493,616.

This special meeting had to be published/posted at least 15 and not more than 20 days in advance per WI Stats 60.12(3). The notice was published in the October 16th issue of the Pierce County Journal and was posted October 16, 2024. There were 21 town residents in attendance.

Motion by Brian O'Connell, seconded by Don Jakes, to address Resolution 2024-2 Town Electors to Endorse the Town Board's Resolution to Exceed the Levy Limit. THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Ellsworth by majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 4th day of November, 2024 hereby resolves to endorse the Town Board's Resolution to exceed the levy limit and endorse the town board

RESOLUTION
2024-2 TOWN
ELECTORS TO
ENDORSE
THE TOWN
BOARD'S

resolution to increase the town tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) by 18% over the state's allowable 2024 levy limit, for a dollar increase of \$75,297.42 over the allowable 2024 town tax levy. Chair called for vote: 18 town electors voting aye, 1 town elector voting nay and 2 abstaining or not voting. Resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION
TO EXCEED
THE LEVY
LIMIT BY 18%

Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Don Jakes to address Resolution 2024-3 Town electors to adopt the total town tax levy. THEREFORE, the special town meeting of the Town of Ellsworth, by a majority vote of the eligible electors duly assembled and voting on this 4th day of November, 2024, hereby resolves and adopts the total town tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) in the amount of \$493,616.42. Results of the vote: 17 town electors voting aye; 1 town elector voting nay, 3 abstaining or not voting. Resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION
2024-3 TOWN
ELECTORS TO
ADOPT THE
TOTAL TOWN
TAX LEVY OF
\$493,616.42

MSC to adjourn special town meeting.
(Motion by Barry Foy, seconded by Brian O'Connell)

ADJOURN

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk